

# Olympic Aftermath: Continued Ministry

By Marv Knox  
LAKE PLACID, N. Y. (BP) — Worldwide attention shifted from this picturesque hamlet almost as soon as the XIII Winter Olympics ended, but Southern Baptists claim they're in the Adirondack Mountains to stay.

Such a revelation may come as a surprise to locals in Lake Placid who watched scores of groups set up shop here to take advantage of the Olympics and who now must witness the mass evacuation of their fair-weather neighbors.

Like most of the organizations and businesses temporarily housed in the area, Southern Baptist work began on a full-time basis less than two years ago, explained David Book, pastor/director of Lake Placid Baptist Chapel.

"As we sought to develop our ministry here, we worked to establish local integrity and a feeling of permanence," he explained. "The fact that we have survived and remain gives us further credibility."

"People are realizing that we're still here and that we'll continue to be here, caring and concerned for the people in the Adirondacks," he said. "Some people haven't joined with us because they're been worried that we would be just another fly-by-night organization like some groups. Their proof is that we're still here — after the Olympics."

Proof actually started stacking up some 18 months ago when paid and volunteer missions workers started flocking to Lake Placid and nearby Saranac Lake to help establish a ministry in the region. By last fall, approximately 30 workers — most of them young people who obtained secular jobs in the area to support their mission endeavors — were on hand.

That figure swelled to almost 125 during the games as short-term volun-

teers from across the country conducted a variety of programs. Their labors extended from a chaplain ministry for athletes to a "go-fer" errand ministry for senior citizens who could not get about easily during the contests.

The Exchange House, a large home converted to a chapel/dormitory/coffee house, was the base of operations. From it, volunteers conducted one-on-one lifestyle evangelism efforts and provided a counseling service and worship services.

Other efforts included a youth ministry at a home for emotionally disturbed boys, a tutoring and day camp program for students out of school and a prison ministry.

All of the programs came off better than expected, Book declared. "We received a greater response — both numerically and qualitatively — than we thought possible. During the games, we touched thousands of people in one way or another."

"It's still too early to determine the overall significance of Southern Baptist ministry during the Olympics," he added. "What we see now is only the tip of the iceberg. We'll discover the effect we've had on the community in the days to come."

Early indications support optimism, he said. "Our relationship with other (Continued on page 3)

## Handshaking, Embracing To Highlight BWA Meet

TORONTO — There will be acres of Baptists and yards of color reflecting diverse cultural heritage at the World Fellowship Celebration alongside

Lake Ontario in Toronto, Wednesday, July 9.

The Celebration will be a highlight of the program of the Baptist World Congress, meeting in Toronto July 8-13, but unlike most meetings there will be no speeches — just informal conversation and handshaking, with an occasional abrazo (embrace) from Latin and East Europeans who prefer this form of greeting.

The location is the wide expanse of the beautifully landscaped Canadian National Exhibition Grounds. Trees, flower gardens and a towering fountain make it one of Toronto's favorite recreational sites.

Chartered buses (15 of them) will run every two minutes from Union Station, the hub of downtown Toronto, carrying delegates to and from the grounds. People may come and go as they wish during a three hour period, beginning at 1:30 p.m.

Mrs. Letha Casazza, a member of the Congress program committee and the Celebration's coordinator, said that the afternoon's purpose will be "gathering and sharing — an emphasis on getting to know people."

Delegates from 100 countries are expected to wear their traditional national dress, accentuating the international nature of the occasion. And, Mrs. Casazza believes, everybody will wear a smile. It will be a photographer's delight.

Choirs and other music groups will add a festive sound to the colorful event.

## Church Training Sponsors Ephesians 4 Conferences

Ephesians 4 Conferences sponsored by the Church Training Department will blanket the state March 31-April 5. Conferences have been scheduled to involve every association in Mississippi during this week.

Created by the Church Training Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board and coordinated in Mississippi by the state convention board's Church Training Department, these conferences will focus first in Bible study on the strategic verses of Ephesians 4 which deal with the church's mandate: "to equip God's people... for Christian discipleship."

The remainder of each conference will show how the Church Training department has produced materials and altered programs to do a more effective job of the task of the Church Training program; "train in church membership."

Featured through presentation and in learning stations will be modules of the Equipping Centers; Survival Kit for New Christians; Build-Up: A

Church Training Enrollment Plan, the personal development content in curriculum materials for youth and adults; and the new emphasis on Baptist Doctrine Study.

Nineteen leaders have been provided for these conferences. Personnel from the Sunday School Board itself include John Hendrix, Ethel McIndoo, Mic Morrow, Dan Fowler, Bill Latham, Nolan Howington, Norman Hodges, Tommy Dixon, and Jim Cartwright. Provided jointly by the Sunday School Board and the Mississippi Church Training Department are Therman Prewett, Memphis, Tenn.; Gil Brink and Jim Thomas, Jefferson City, Mo.; Harold King, Chicago, Ill.; Matt Nevils, Chattanooga, Tenn.; Don Mauldin, Brentwood, Tenn.; Vernon Cole, Middletown, Ky.; Waldo Woodcock, Atlanta, Ga.; George Caldwell, Foley, Ala.; and Ken Mooney, Alexandria, La.

These two-hour conferences which begin at 7 p.m. in each location are (Continued on page 3)

Five Fabulous Sundays 2n

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## Joint Committee

# Baptist Agency To Oppose Spying By Church Workers

WASHINGTON (BP) — A Baptist group here representing eight national denominational bodies condemned the past FBI and CIA practice of using clergy and missionaries in intelligence

gathering operations and asked for legislation to forbid their use in the future.

The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, meeting in semi-annual session, adopted the position statement unanimously and agreed to share it with denominational leaders and mission boards of the cooperating bodies. Its staff was also instructed to communicate the resolution to President Carter and the FBI and CIA and to begin working for passage of a law by Congress which would declare clergy and missionaries off-limits to U.S. intelligence agencies.

In other actions, the Baptist Joint Committee instructed the Washington staff to monitor the so-called "new right" and its ties with prominent religious personalities, honored resigning executive director James E. Wood Jr., and elected Porter W. Routh as interim executive director.

In asking its staff to inform member bodies on the "new right" and its religious connections, the committee heard a warning from American Baptist representative Wesley Forsline, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minn., that "what is new about the 'new right' is the movement's vast wealth accumulated through appeals of television evangelists such as Jerry Falwell, Pat Robertson and others, and its 'slick' direct-mail operations."

Wood, who will leave his position as chief executive of the Baptist Joint Committee May 31 to return to the faculty of Baylor University, Waco, Texas, was honored at a farewell dinner prior to the final session.

Wood, who has directed the Baptist Joint Committee since 1972, was presented a \$1,000 cash gift and a plaque for his "distinguished service." The committee also unanimously adopted

a resolution commending Wood for his tenure of service.

Representatives of the governmental community, the Washington interfaith community, the Baptist Joint Committee, and its staff paid tribute to Wood. Participating in the recognition ceremony were Robert Maddox of the White House staff, John W. Baker of the Baptist Joint Committee staff, Jack E. Corbett of the United Methodist Church's department of church-government relations, and Routh, representing the Baptist Joint Committee.

Routh, who retired last year as executive secretary-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, and served 27 years as a member of the Baptist Joint Committee, was the unanimous choice to fill the interim position.

He anticipates joining the staff one (Continued on page 3)

## WMU To Explore Four Stages Of Development

The four stages of development for Christian service are to be outlined during sessions of the Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union Convention, March 17-19 at First Baptist Church, Laurel.

These stages are "Concerned," "Called," "Committed," and "Commissioned." Each of these areas will be examined during the convention program which begins Monday evening March 17 at 7 p.m.

Each session will include meditations by Marjorie (Mrs. Earl) Kelly, former missionary to Israel, interviews by Wilda (Mrs. James) Fancher, with mission project participants, and dramatic dialogue bet-

ween Simon Peter and John Mark, characterized by W. L. Compere and Hugh Tobias. Music leaders for the convention are R. L. and Beth Sigrest of Yazoo City.

Earl Kelly, Convention Board Executive Secretary, is a featured speaker.

Missionaries on the program include Mr. James E. Young, Bangladesh; Mr. and Mrs. James M. Young, Yemen; Mr. and Mrs. Hal B. Lee, Paris, France; Miss Betty Hart, Antofagasta, Chile; Miss Mary Frank Kirkpatrick, Monrovia, Liberia; and Mr. and Mrs. Cloyd Harjo, Pascagoula, Miss. Catherine (Mrs. Lee N.) Allen, assistant to the executive director, Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham, Ala., is the closing speaker.

Marjean Patterson is director of Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union. Mrs. Bob Dent of Holly Springs is president.



R. L. and Beth Sigrest



Young Hart



Mr. and Cloyd Harjo



Lee Kirkpatrick



Mr. and Mrs. James M. Young



Mr. and Mrs. Earl Kelly

# Mission Service Corps: A Healthy Infection

By Erich Bridges  
ATLANTA (BP) — Melvin and Carmel Smith, a middle-aged couple from South Carolina, sold their successful tire business last year and moved to Arizona to minister to poverty stricken Mexican-American children in inner city Phoenix.

Retired Georgia pastor Carl Peacock and wife Neva endured 130 straight days of snow last winter and revived a dying Southern Baptist church in Fort Benton, Mont., once a wild frontier town on the Missouri River where preachers proclaimed the gospel from saloon tabletops.

Texas native Brenda Moyer, 23, graduated from Michigan State University in June and stayed on campus

as volunteer Baptist Student Union director, charged with the task of reaching 42,000 Michigan State students for Christ.

What do they have in common? These five volunteers and hundreds of others are all astride a galloping horse called Mission Service Corps, the Southern Baptist plan to place 5,000 volunteers for one or two years of service at home and abroad by 1982.

As of February, the Home Mission Board has placed 251 Mission Service Corps volunteers in 40 states, Puerto Rico, Canada and American Samoa, and the Foreign Mission Board has placed 114 MSC volunteers in 32 countries.

Tennessee construction contractor

Will Fields moved with his wife and five children to Pennsylvania recently to help Southern Baptist congregations build new churches.

Former South Carolina educator Barney Anderson began work last year to develop a comprehensive statewide volunteer program for Michigan Baptists.

18-year-old Mark Smith, Mission Service Corps' youngest volunteer, graduated in June from high school in Marietta, Ga., and within a month moved to Buffalo, N. Y., where he works with inner city youths.

That kind of dedication is infecting the volunteers' home churches. One small North Carolina congregation agreed to sponsor a member as a vol-

unteer and in the same session voted to double their Cooperative Program giving.

A rural association of churches supported a volunteer couple this year and also met their overall mission budget goal — for the first time.

Ten of 13 churches contacted in an informal survey have increased their missions giving through the Cooperative Program while supporting a Mission Service Corps volunteer, indicating that such involvement increases overall missions support, rather than decreasing it, as some had feared.

Smith receives regular monthly support from high school friends in his youth group at Milford Baptist Church; they work part-time jobs to

contribute. "Through Mark our whole church feels more hooked into missions," says Oscar Cope, pastor.

"The strength and commitment of the volunteers amazes me," says David Bunch, Mission Service Corps coordinator for the Home Mission Board. "I'm praying that the floodgates will open for this project. The mission opportunities are limitless."

Two common characteristics seem to bind together this hodgepodge of volunteers, however: a fervent dedication to the goals of Bold Mission Thrust — Bold growing, bold going and bold giving — and a remarkable disregard for the growing negativism and confusion that grips so many Americans.

"This is an adventure that involves a lot of risk," says Richard Graham, a Kentucky volunteer. "It means leaving familiar things and risking yourself, your faith, your time, your money and your effort for something you say you believe in."

"The '80s will be the decade of the volunteer," adds Home Mission Board Director-Treasurer William Tanner. "If we're serious about sharing the Gospel with every person in the world, we've got to have volunteers; thousands of them. What we're doing in Mission Service Corps is an integral part of our entire mission effort, and becomes more so daily."

"We haven't even begun to see what can happen."

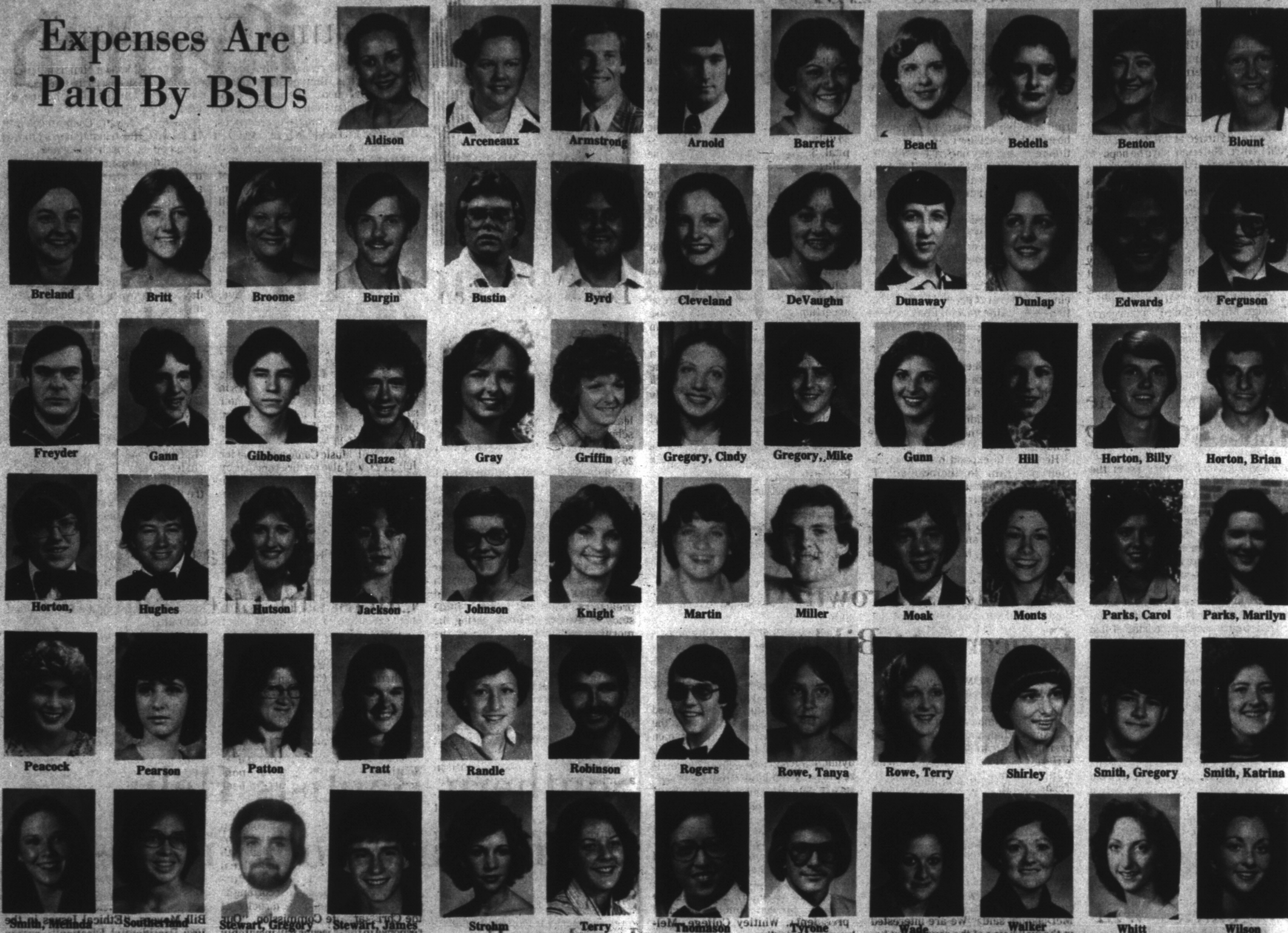
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# These Are The 69 Mississippi Student Missionaries

## Expenses Are Paid By BSUs



## Missions Tasks Cover Wide Range

A total of 69 Mississippi university and college students will be serving this year in student missions.

These 69 student summer missionaries (and one semester missionary) will be working all over the world — including nine foreign countries and at least 24 states. Some are assigned to state conventions that encompass several states.

The summer missionaries will be working ten weeks this coming summer in a variety of missions tasks, from inner city work, to resort missions; from Vacation Bible School leadership to correctional institution work; from preaching to music leadership; from nursing to English teaching.

Each will be assigned to career home and foreign missionaries and will have travel and expenses paid by their fellow students who contribute to the student missions goal of \$60,000.

The semester missionary, Tim Glaze of Mississippi College, will be working in Mexico as a boys' physical education coach. His term of service will be from mid-August, 1980 to January, 1981.

Melinda Broome, Southeast Alaska, Pearl River Junior College, Columbia; Candra Gray, Anchorage, Alaska, Mississippi University for Women, Corinth; Melinda Smith, Tanana Valley, Alaska, Pearl River Junior College, Bay St. Louis.

Melinda Aldison, Phoenix, Arizona, Northwest Jr. College, Sledge; Chris Burgin, Grand Canyon, Arizona, Mississippi State University, Caledonia; Carla Whitt, Grand Canyon, Arizona, Mississippi College, Tylertown.

Pam Randle, Arkansas, Blue Mountain College, Amory; Todd Rogers, California, East Central Junior College, Harpersville; Donald Tyrone, Colorado, William Carey College, Monticello; Mary Wade, Colorado, Mississippi College, Lake.

Troy Gibbons, Florida, Jones County Junior College, Mize; Regina Terry, Florida, University of Mississippi Medical Center, McComb; Tracy Peacock, Georgia, Mississippi College, Baton Rouge; Kaye Wilson, Georgia, Delta State University, LeLand.

Janice Britt, Hawaii, University of Southern Mississippi, d'Iberville.

Quinton "Bud" Edwards, Hawaii, Ole Miss, Grenada; Alicia Gunn, Chicago, Ill., Mississippi College, Biloxi; Marcia Strohm, East St. Louis, Ill., Miss. College, Vicksburg.

Becky Arceneaux, Indiana, William Carey College, Greenwell Springs, La.; Kim Hill, Indiana, Blue Mountain College, Ripley; Terry Rowe, Indiana, Hinds Jr. College, Jackson; Patricia Benton, Kansas/Nebraska, Miss. State Univ., Jackson.

Charles Freyder, Maryland, Pearl River Junior College, Slidell, La.; Katrina Smith, Maryland, Miss. Univ. for Women, Columbus; Darryl Horton, Michigan, Miss. College, Delta City; Greg Smith, Michigan, Univ. of Miss., West Point.

Susan Blount, Michigan, William Carey College, Leesburg, Fla.; Mike Gregory, Michigan, Miss. State, Carthage; Jerry Byrd, Michigan, Pearl River Jr. College, Hattiesburg; Ivey Hutson, Michigan, Miss. College, Summit.

Brenda Jackson, Michigan, William Carey College, Pascagoula; Laura Thomason, Miss. Univ. for Women, New Albany; Laura Pratt, Missouri, Miss. College, Corinth; Gina Pearson, Missouri, Delta State, Eupora; Brian Horton, New England, Washington, Vermont, Delta State, Clarkdale; Greg Stewart, New England, New Haven, Connecticut, Univ. of Miss., Pine Bluff, Ark.

Sandra Martin, New England, Burlington, Vermont, Hinds Jr. College, Yazoo City; Sandra Walker, New Mexico, William Carey College, Magee; George Robinson, New York, Univ. of Miss., Pontotoc; Tom Ferguson, New York, Univ. of Southern Miss., Long Beach.

Billy Horton, New York, Delta State, Clarkdale; Michelle Monts, New York, Univ. of Miss., Olive Branch; Belinda Shirley, New York, Northwest Jr. College, Southaven; Cindy Gregory, New York, Miss. College, Gulf Breeze, Fla.; Jimmy Stewart, North Carolina, William Carey College, New Orleans, La.

Cindy Cleveland, Northern Plains, Cheyenne, Wyoming, East Central Jr. College, Union; Jim Armstrong, Northern Plains, Jackson, Wyoming, Univ. of Miss., Tupelo; Melba Barrett, Northwest, Alberta, Canada, Univ. of Southern Miss., Long Beach.

LuAnn Patton, Northwest, Cumas, Washington, Blue Mountain College, Pontotoc; Carol Parks, Pennsylvania, South New Jersey, Delta State Univ., New Albany; Lynda Johnson,

Pennsylvania/South New Jersey, Miss. State Univ., Hernando, Maria DeVaughn, South Carolina, Northeast Ms. Jr. College, Marietta.

Sam Dunaway, South Carolina, William Carey College, Niceville, Fla.; Ann Southerland, Virginia, Miss. State Univ., Columbus; Tanya Rowe, Virginia, Miss. Delta Jr. College, Indianola; Bill Bustin, West Virginia, Miss. State Univ., Haleyville, Ala.

Cindy Beech, Baptist Children's Village, Jackson, Jones County Jr. College, Overt; Dianne Dunlap, Baptist Children's Village, Jackson, Northeast Miss. Jr. College, New Albany; Gail Griffin, Baptist Children's Village, Independence, Northwest Ms. Jr. College, Olive Branch; Marilyn Parks, Baptist Children's Village, Delta State Univ., New Albany.

Johnny Hughes, Bangladesh, Miss. College, Steens; Weldon Moak, East Malaysia, Miss. College, Summit; Brenda Breland, England, Delta State, Cleveland; Tori Bedells, India, Univ. of Southern Miss., Clinton.

Don Gann, Israel, Miss. State Univ., Vicksburg; Tom Miller, Kenya, Miss. State Univ., Birmingham, Ala.; Hal Arnold, Liberia, Univ. of Miss., Oxford; Linda Knight, Switzerland, Jones County Jr. College, Collins; Tim Glaze, Semester Missionary to Mexico, Miss. College, Clinton.

## Mormons Approve Economic Move

SALT LAKE CITY (EP) — Mormon Church leaders have approved a new schedule consolidating all major meetings of the church within a three-hour block on Sundays, to conserve energy and help families spend more time together.

The First Presidency of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormon) said the new schedule went into effect church wide March 2 in the U.S. and Canada, and May 4 in other areas of the world.

Under the old traditional schedule, Mormons generally attended Sunday school in the morning, returning to church Sunday afternoon or evening for sacrament services.

The male priesthood meetings were generally scheduled before Sunday school. The auxiliary meetings for women and children were usually on other days of the week.

## Cable Consultation Planned At Ft. Worth

FORT WORTH — Southern Baptist churches involved in or interested in using broadcast media to make Bold Mission Thrust a reality can learn how to use radio and television more effectively at the sixth annual Radio, Television and Cable Consultation, April 21-23 in Fort Worth.

Co-sponsored by the Southern Baptist Radio-Television Commission and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, the consultation, held in both locations, features speakers, panel discussions and demonstrations on "Bold Mission: The Church Using the Media in the '80s." Bold Mission Thrust is the Baptist plan to confront everyone in the world with the Christian message by the year 2000.

Keynote speakers for the three day consultation are Jimmy R. Allen, president of the Radio-Television Commission, and seminary president Russell H. Dilday, Jr.

"We realize many churches are already using radio and television to spread the gospel, so the Commission and Seminary staffs have developed a program designed to enhance those churches' broadcasting efforts," Allen said.

Dilday added that "while cable vision and other media opportunities are becoming available to religious institutions as never before, this consultation will help inform the non-broadcasting churches of the great potential of the broadcast media in helping reach the goal of Bold Mission Thrust."

Two experienced broadcasters, Fort Worth's Chip Moody, news anchorman at KXAS-TV, and Al Fasol of the Seminary faculty, former radio broadcaster, will talk about communicating effectively on television and radio.

Frank Olsen of Dallas, a freelance writer, explain "How to Write for Media Use." A former writer for American Broadcasting Company in New York, Olsen has written numerous radio and television spot announcements and scripts for Baptists productions.

In addition to these speakers, members of the Radio-Television Commission's broadcast services department will describe other opportunities available to churches in broadcasting. Staff members will show spot and public service announcements and will

give professional critiques on spots prepared and submitted for appraisal by churches.

For additional information on the meeting or to register for the event, contact Charles P. Roden, at the Radio-Television Commission, 6350 West Freeway, Ft. Worth, Tex. 76150.

Ft. Worth, Tex. (BP) — Mardee McKinlay Birchfield, director of public affairs, KBTB, Denver, and Philip E. McDonald, vice president and general manager, WCKY Radio, Cincinnati, have received 1980 Abe Lincoln Awards from the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission. Wilson Wearn, of Greenville, S.C., president of Multimedia Inc., featured speaker at the 11th annual awards ceremony, received the Vincent T. Wasilewski Award, given to a broadcaster who raises the industry's image in the eyes of the public.

Santa Fe, N. Mex. (EP) — The New Mexico State Penitentiary's bloody uprising Feb. 2-3, has spawned a hunger for Bible-reading and Christian literature, says the prison's Protestant chaplain. "So many of them are really cheerful that they got through this by the grace of God," said Axel Bolin. "They're accepting literature and taking correspondence courses and I've been passing out Bibles like mad."

## \$60,000 Bequest Goes To Southern

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — A \$60,000 bequest in the will of Mrs. Lillian B. Godsey of St. Petersburg, Fla., will provide the permanent endowment for a visiting professorship at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville.

Trustees of the seminary, following the wishes of Mrs. Godsey and her late husband, have invested the \$60,000 to generate annual income for a teaching position in New Testament, which will be known as the C. J. and Lillian B. Godsey Visiting Professorship in New Testament Interpretation.

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# Public Health Program Follows Response To Measles Epidemic

By Susan Cahen  
NALERIGU, Ghana (BP) — The measles inoculation program conducted by Southern Baptists last year in Ghana is continuing as part of a community health program led by missionary physician Walter M. Moore.

Moore, stationed at the Baptist Medical Centre, Nalerigu, says he hopes to get 10,000 doses of the measles vaccine flown to Ghana every four months this year. Larger batches cannot be sent at wider intervals because the vaccine must be kept frozen until it is used, and must be used within two months.

Early last year, Ghana was hit with a serious measles epidemic and many children were dying. Southern Baptist missionaries and volunteers, utilizing a \$25,000 appropriation from the Foreign Mission Board's emergency relief fund, acquired 50,000 doses of the measles vaccine and set up immunization clinics in the northern area of the

country where the medical missionaries were stationed.

The Ghanaian government was at work in other areas of the country attempting to curb the spread of the epidemic.

Moore says he feels last year's program was highly successful because the hospital has seen few cases of measles this year, and only one case where the child had the vaccination. That patient, he says, was really too young when he received the vaccination for it to be effective.

"I have checked in towns where we gave vaccinations and have not seen a single case," Moore reports. But, he added, "I have been told that measles has been as serious as before in other hospitals and in areas where the vaccinations were not given. We must continue to give the vaccinations to those who have not received it or in a few years we will have the same problem as before."

Moore plans other branches for his community health program. "A good teaching program is going on with expectant mothers and patients in general," he says, adding that he hopes to do more of this in the schools and in the villages.

He hopes to expand his immunization program to include D.P.T. (diphtheria, pertussis or whooping cough, and tetanus) and polio.

Already he has begun an extensive program to curb hookworm infestation. Expecting an infection rate of about 50 percent, Moore conducted a

pilot study in a village of 600 people near Nalerigu. More than 97 percent of the people over two years of age were found to have the disease.

All of the people in the village have been treated twice, at two-week intervals, and Moore intends to expand his project to cover the 20,000 people in the 40 villages within five miles of the hospital. So far all the people in 39 of the villages have been registered.

But, says Moore, "from a public health standpoint, treatment is not the answer." Education in the need for building and using latrines is the only way the disease will be controlled.

John E. Mills, Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board secretary for West Africa, commends the good results of the community health program in Ghana. But, he said, "We are on uncertain ground as long as we are short of staff and without long-term (career) missionaries."

Moore emphasizes the need for a public health nurse. "We need one now, but especially in two years I will be retiring and there will be no one to carry on this work."

Volunteer physicians giving short terms of service assumed Moore's routine at the Nalerigu hospital so he could begin the community health program.

Courtesy is the eye which overlooks your friend's broken gear — but sees the rose which blossoms in his garden. — Lyman Abbott.

## Minister's Growth Top Concern At Bible Week

GLORIETA, N. M. — Bible Preaching Week at Glorieta Baptist Conference Center here July 19-25 will be designed to help ministers grow in biblical knowledge, practical skills and overall in their ministerial efforts.

Harold Branch, pastor of St. Johns Baptist Church, Corpus Christi, Texas, and H. Franklin Paschall, pastor of First Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn., will be the principal speakers for the week, which will be under the direction of Reginald McDonough, secretary of the church administration department at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

"We believe the way to help a church grow is to help the minister grow," McDonough said. "We are interested in the well being of the church, but believe a healthy, productive church is not likely to come about without a healthy growing minister."

In addition to skills related to increased effectiveness and success in ministering in the church, the Bible Preaching Conference will also focus on helping ministers to be better family persons, with individual conferences related to ministers and their wives.

Other topics which will be studied during the week include stress in the family, practical helps for sermon preparation and delivery, leadership dynamics for growing churches, staff relations, getting started in a new pastorate and developing bold plans through church long-range planning.

Harold Bryson, associate professor of preaching at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, will lead a session each morning entitled Evangelism: Christ's Imperative Commission. Monday night of the week will be a special missions service led by D. Melvyn Himby, principal (president), Whitley College, Melbourne, Australia.

Also meeting during the week will be the National Deacons Conference along with conferences related to Christian heritage, church media centers and Christian life.

To register for the Bible Preaching Conference, write to Reservations, Glorieta Baptist Conference Center, P. O. Box 8, Glorieta, N. M. 87535.

## Conference On Aging Is Cancelled At Ridgecrest

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — The Southern Baptist Conference on Aging scheduled for April 28-May 2 at Ridgecrest (N.C.) Baptist Conference Center, has been cancelled because only 65 persons had registered to attend.

A registration of 400 was needed to recover planning and program costs. Nine Baptist organizations had joined forces to sponsor the meeting which was to explore trends and needs in aging ministries.

In announcing the steering committee's unanimous decision to cancel the meeting, chairman Paul Adkins said, "We felt that due to the increasing costs of travel, the total operation of a conference this size and the low registration it seemed wise to cancel the conference for 1980."

Adkins, director of the Christian social ministries department of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, said that data from two research studies and several background papers being prepared for the conference will be edited and made available at a nominal cost from his department.

Sponsoring organizations included the Southern Baptist Annuity Board, Sunday School Board, Home Mission Board, Brotherhood Commission, Christian Life Commission, Woman's Missionary Union, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Association of Ministries with the Aging and the Hurt Gerontology Center.

Carol Stream, Ill. (FP) — A consortium of evangelical relief agencies is planning a \$10 million project to resettle some 55,000 "hard to place" Hmong Laotian refugees into permanent sites in Guyana.

## Ephesians 4

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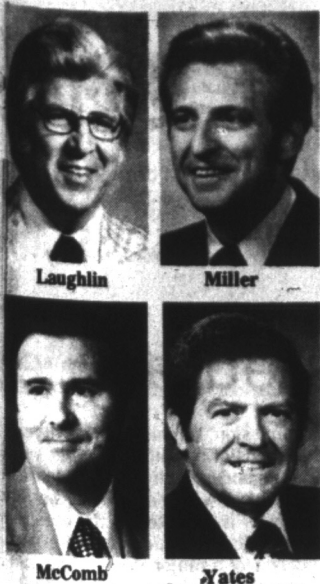
really intended to set the stage for a renewed emphasis on discipleship training in the 80's.

The target for each conference includes the pastor, Church Training Director, all church-elected Church Training workers, and especially all members of adult training groups.

Kermit King, director, Church Training for Mississippi Baptists.

### Mississippi Baptist Activities

Mar. 16-23	Youth Week (CT Emphasis)
Mar. 17-19	State WMU Convention, FBC, Laurel, 7:00 p.m., 17th-12:00 noon, 19th
Mar. 17	BYW Banquet, FBC, Laurel, 5:30 p.m.
Mar. 20	Sunday School Teaching & Growth Conference, FBC, Natchez, 7:00-4:30 p.m.
Mar. 20	Pastoral Care Seminar, Baptist Medical Center, Jackson, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. (CAC)
Mar. 21-22	Deaf Interpreters' Workshop, Calvary, Greenville, 7:00 p.m., 21st-3:00 p.m. 22nd (CoMI)



## Leaders Chosen For Senior Adult Retreats

Pictured are four of the program leaders for three senior adult retreats scheduled at Gulfshore Baptist Assembly this summer, May 19-23, May 26-30, and August 18-22.

"Big John" Laughlin of Meridian's First Church will serve as song leader May 26-30, and Ken Miller of First Church, Natchez, will plan the music program for the retreat in August. R. L. and Beth Sigrest are music leaders for the first retreat in May.

The August retreat will feature four of Mississippi's outstanding pastors in dual roles as Bible teachers and preachers. Each will teach a Bible study of his own choosing during the morning and will speak during the worship service one evening during the week.

J. Roy McComb of First Church, Columbia, and James Yates of First Church, Yazoo City, are two of the four. Others are David Grant of Jackson's Broadmoor Church, and Curtis Burge of Greenwood's First Church.

The two May retreats are planned on a similar program format but the August retreat is quite different, according to Kermit S. King, senior adult consultant for the Convention Board.

All three feature leadership training for persons responsible for leading senior adult groups.

## Southern Sets Luncheon For Toronto, July

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — A gala international luncheon for alumni and friends of The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary is scheduled for Friday, July 11, in Toronto, Canada, during the 75th anniversary Congress of the Baptist World Alliance.

The luncheon will be held in the Grand Ballroom of the Sheraton Centre, headquarters hotel for the Congress.

Price of tickets in U.S. currency will be \$9.00 each by mail prior to July 1. After that date, the price will be \$10.00 each.

One of the highlights of the luncheon will be a report from Southern Seminary President Duke K. McCall, the official nominee for a five-year term as President of the 30-million-member Baptist World Alliance. The election is scheduled for the morning session immediately preceding the seminary luncheon.

Tickets may be ordered by mail addressed to: International Luncheon, Southern Seminary, 2825 Lexington Road, Louisville, Ky. 40206. Make checks payable to Southern Seminary.

## To Oppose Spying

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or two weeks before Wood leaves and will serve until a new executive director is named, possibly by the time of the Baptist Joint Committee's October meeting.

The statement on FBI and CIA use of clergy and missionaries came just days after some Carter administration officials indicated they are not opposed to such a practice. It declares that "the use of clergy, missionaries and church workers for intelligence gathering in behalf of the national state immediately compromises and renders ineffective the primary role of religious workers to be carers for the humanitarian and spiritual needs of the constituents they serve."

In addition, the resolution says that Christian workers are primarily "agents of Jesus Christ" who "must not be treated or cast in the appearance of being political agents of any government."

Maddox, White House religious liaison who participated in a question and answer session with committee members, promised that he would communicate the group's concern over the intelligence gathering issue to President Carter.

In other actions, the committee set a working theme on government intrusion into religious affairs for its 1981 Religious Liberty Conference and hosted a fellowship breakfast for Baptist members of Congress.

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# Gulfshore Will Resound With Music

Gulfshore will resound with music for 18 days this summer. The Church Music department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, will sponsor five consecutive music conferences from July 9 through July 26, 1980.

An Instrumental Conference will begin the music at Gulfshore on July 9-12. This will be the first conference of its kind in Mississippi. Handbell ringers and band instrument players will converge to rehearse under the leadership of guest clinicians and to glean knowledge from specialized classes.

The Young Musicians' Conference, an annual event at Gulfshore, will run from July 12 through July 16. Children who have completed grades four, five, and six will form a mass choir to be directed by a guest conductor.

Music activity classes, worship services and recreation will make the days full for these young musicians.

A Youth Choir Retreat will be held on July 16-19, for larger youth choirs in the state. In addition to mass choir singing and special interest classes, this conference will feature concerts by each choir in attendance.

The Youth Music Conference, set for July 19-23, will also feature concerts by some of the choirs in attendance. The mass choir will sing under the direc-

tion of a well-known clinician. Special interest classes, worship services and recreation will fill the schedule for youthful participants.

Music Leadership Conference, July 24-26, will offer training opportunities for all adult church musicians.

Special classes will be offered for ministers of music, lay music leaders, associational music officers, accompanists, children's choir workers, handbell directors, adult choir members and spouses of church musicians in attendance. Worship services and free time/recreation will also be vital parts of the conference.

Child care will be provided during daytime conference sessions. Further information on all music conferences at Gulfshore may be obtained from the Church Music department, Box 530, Jackson, Miss., 39205.

Reservations for conferences must be sent directly to Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, Henderson Point, Pass Christian, MS 39571. Reservations have been accepted since March 1, for summer conferences.

An informative brochure on Gulfshore rates and policies, which includes a reservation request form, is available from the Assembly and/or the Church Music Department.

## Waldheim May Address Christian Life Seminar

NEW YORK (BP) — United Nations Secretary General Kurt Waldheim will address the annual seminar of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission here, if world conditions don't interfere.

The group, which will gather at the Roosevelt Hotel, March 24-26, is scheduled to go to the UN, March 25, where the commission represents Southern Baptists, in a non-governmental observer role, to hear Waldheim.

The three-day seminar will feature a keynote address by noted theologian and church historian Martin Marty, as about 500 Southern Baptists "deal with some of the major moral and ethical concerns confronting Southern Baptists in this new decade," according to Foy Valentine, executive director of the Christian Life Commission. "Our response to these issues will inevitably affect our convention's ongoing life and work."

Besides Waldheim and Marty, program personnel include a wide range of speakers.

Frank Pollard, pastor of First Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss., and host of the Southern Baptist produced tele-

vision show, "At Home With the Bible," will deliver the closing sermon.

Hunger expert Frances Lappe will address the global hunger crisis; Jim Guy Tucker, chairman of the national advisory committee for the White House Conference on Families, will discuss family issues; Mercer University President Kirby Godsey will speak on the crisis in education; and educator, architect, and inventor Buckminster Fuller will address ethical issues raised by modern technology. Sarah Weddington, from President Carter's White House staff, will speak on "Women in the Eighties," and Benjamin Hooks, executive director of the NAACP, will speak on "Race Relations in the Eighties."

Other speakers and topics for the seminar include television journalist Bill Moyers, "Ethical Issues in the 1980 Presidential Election"; author and seminary dean Philip Wogaman, "Economic Ethics"; former U. S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark, "Personal Life Style"; Christian ethicist John Swomley Jr., "Church-State Issues"; and environmentalist Barry Commoner of Washington University, "Energy."

## Two Men, New Christians, Speak At Spanish Church

By Paul Vandercook  
Language Missionary

Many of our churches celebrated Baptist Men's Day in January. In itself that doesn't make big news.

At Primer Iglesia Bautista de Biloxi the morning message on that day was delivered by Sam Hernandez and the evening message by Miguel Rivera. The fact that both of these are laymen is not all that newsworthy either.

What makes it important is that a year ago neither of these men were Christians. In January Primera Iglesia celebrated its first anniversary with a congregation of happy, dedicated Christian people. In a year this ministry has reached out into the

Spanish language community in a way no other church could.

Of course, we can't say that Sam Hernandez and Miguel Rivera would not have heard of God's love from someone else. We can say that it was because of the Ministry of Primera Iglesia and Pastor Eliu Camacho Vazquez that they were saved and have grown to the point of sharing publicly of God's love.

How exciting to realize that this new expression of the family of God is practicing that advice of Paul and Timothy: "The things you have heard me say... entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to each others." (2 Timothy 2:2).

# Olympic Aftermath: Continued Ministry

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clergymen here is better than ever, and we did not receive a single complaint about our ministries, even though we do things a little differently than what people are accustomed to.

"In fact, the local newspaper printed an article affirming the work done by us and two other religious groups during the Olympics."

The positive product of the Southern Baptist Olympic ministry spread beyond Lake Placid, said Harold Clark, pastor of Saranac Lake Baptist Chapel.

"The work these volunteers performed helped people here to understand what Baptists are all about," he said. "Locals know Baptists are concerned and care for them. They also know we're here to stay — that we won't desert them now that the games are over and the glamor has faded."

Southern Baptists' current responsibility is to build upon the strong base built previously and firmly established during the Olympics, said Ken Prickett, a Home Mission Board field

worker and the person in charge of putting the services of the volunteers to best use.

"Local ministries and civic leaders have accepted us as part of the community," he said. "They give us credit for our mainline approach to worship and ministry, and they expect us to keep it up."

"Our opportunity to minister to these people — the merchants, leaders and community at large — is going to continue," he said. "Now we must be careful to stay active and maintain the desire to work with them."

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## Editorials

### Legislation

## Bills of interest listed and explained

The Baptist Record is attempting here to acquaint its readers with legislation with moral implications that is before the Legislature for this session. We have listed those bills that we feel are the most important, the authors of the bills, a bit of explanation, the committees to which the bills have been assigned, the members of the committees with the chairman being designated, and the counties that each member represents. We are indebted to Clark Hensley of the Christian Action Commission for a great deal of assistance, and we hope this effort will be helpful to our readers.

One person cannot take action on all the bills in which he has an interest. Each person should find those he feels are most important, however, and be in communication with his senator and representative.

Several bills seem to demand more attention than others. For instance, Senate Bill 2016 by Dyer, which would legalize alcohol advertising, needs to be defeated. It is in the Senate Judiciary Committee, and there is where it needs to be stopped. Advertising alcohol will clutter up the roadside; it will cause more liquor to be sold and consumed; and since Mississippi is a dry state with local options possible for being wet, liquor advertising should not be allowed. It is not allowed now. Members of the Judiciary Committee and the Senate as a whole should be contacted immediately.

SB 2047 by Johnson has to do with developing petitions for calling for local option elections on liquor, beer, and wine issues. This would seek to provide better regulations for such petitions. This concept needs support.

This year for sure we need a bill passed that would lower the level of alcohol in the blood stream for one to be judged intoxicated. SB 2138 by Mabry, Scoper, Shows, and Burkes seems to be about the best in that area. For the past two years there have been efforts made to have such a bill passed without success. Mississippi now stands alone as allowing a drunk driver to remain on the highway with .15 per cent of his blood stream being alcohol. No other state allows more than .10 per cent, and 33 per cent of the states have a lower level. The Baptist Record is supporting this bill.

House Bill 413 by Merideth would authorize supervisors and sheriffs to endorse the sale of liquor in certain restaurants. This would take the matter out of the hands of Alcohol Beverage Control. It should become a political issue. The bill should be defeated.

HB 448 by Ferguson to lower the age of majority to 18 is a dangerous concept. That extra three years of maturity to age 21 is needed.

SB 2586 by Nix and HB 21 by Horne to exempt sales to churches and the Salvation Army from sales tax is a good bill. This would classify the Salvation Army as a church, which is correct. On the other hand, HB 99 by Blessey should be defeated. If the Salvation Army is a church, then we must not allow the county boards of supervisors to make donations to it. To open up that door would invite all sorts of political chaos.

There are a number of other bills that should be discussed, but space runs out quickly. Of particular interest, however, is HB 976 by Barefield that would pave the way for an establishment selling drinks to be built in a dry area. The bill would make liquor sales legal in a dry area if that area were in the city limits of a county seat town that was in a wet area. The whole issue seems ridiculous. For instance, what difference would it make whether the wet town were a county seat town or not? The idea would be that if a town is wet and part of its limits extend into a dry area, liquor could be sold in the dry area. That should be illegal on the face of it. The dry area would be dry because the

people there wanted it that way. The Legislature should not be able to force the possibility of liquor sales where the citizens have said they are not wanted. This bill is one of personal interest, for the city is Hattiesburg; and the author of the bill is a resident of the city. The bill is in the House Ways and Means Committee.

Our list of bills and committees follows:

SB 2016 — Dyer — legalizing the advertising of alcoholic beverages — Judiciary.

HB 57 — Price — less than .08 per cent of alcohol in blood stream, presumed not under the influence of alcohol; between .08 per cent and .10 per cent, presumed to be under the influence; more than .10 per cent, intoxicated — Judiciary A.

HB 72 — Horne — retain driver's license until person is judged guilty of driving under the influence of alcohol — Judiciary B.

SB 2047 — Johnson — to provide for the form of petitions requesting local option alcohol elections and local option light beer and wine elections; to provide for the manner of signing such petitions; to require that certain information be included with each such signature; to require that an affidavit of the person circulating such petition be attached to each page of the petition; to provide for the verification of such petitions; to permit the hiring of an investigator or handwriting expert to review such petitions and signatures; to provide for counterpetitions to allow persons to remove their names from the original petition; to provide that the date of local option elections be on the date of the general election — Elections.

SB 2138 — Mabry, Scoper, Shows, Burkes — less than .05 per cent of alcohol in blood stream, presumed not under the influence; between .05 per cent and .10 per cent, presumed under the influence; more than .10 per cent, presumed intoxicated — Judiciary.

SB 2280 — Burkes — provide for seizure and forfeiture of alcoholic beverages and personal property used or intended for use in violation of law — Judiciary.

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admission, having four or more convictions of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor within a period of six years, or who is addicted to the use of any narcotic drug which would prevent the driver of a major vehicle from safely operating such vehicle — Highways & Highway Financing.

HB 934 — Everett — To define drug paraphernalia, to more clearly define unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia, to make the delivery and manufacture of drug paraphernalia a crime, and to make advertising for the purpose of selling drug paraphernalia a crime. Judiciary A.

HB 978 — Barefield — To provide that the sale and possession of alcoholic beverages shall be lawful within the corporate boundaries of municipalities being the county seat of a wet county and also lying in a dry county. (Note: This refers to Hattiesburg and an establishment being built in Lamar County (dry) which is located in city limits of Hattiesburg (Forrest County being wet) — to Ways & Means.

HB 991 — Calhoun — To clarify the intent of the right to work law as not to abridge the right of labor unions to organize — Labor.

HB 1031 — Lee — To provide for the balanced treatment of the theory of scientific creationism and evolution in the elementary and secondary public schools of this state.

HB 1079 — Merideth — To provide for entry of the father's name on birth certificates of illegitimates upon affidavit of both parents submitted to the State Board of Health, Pensions, Social Welfare & Public Health.

HB 539 — Simpson — To authorize the Boards of Supervisors of certain counties to promulgate and enforce ordinances regulating massage parlors and public displays of nudity in the unincorporated areas of the county and any county bordering on the Gulf of Mexico having two judicial districts. — County Affairs.

HB 1111 — Blessey — To establish a fundamental right to life from the moment of conception and protection for unborn human beings by regulating abortion facilities; to prohibit distribution of abortifacients; to provide for registration of fetal deaths; to provide for licensing of ambulatory surgical centers; to provide for freedom of conscience in obtaining, receiving or delivering medical services; and to prohibit government subsidies of abortions. — Pensions, Social Welfare & Public Health.

SB 2178 — Ellington — Would provide for access by any person to the records of all public bodies of government and require standard operating procedures to be established by all public bodies by which persons may become aware of their rights to public records — Judiciary Committee.

SB 2191 — Ellington — To require that meetings of public bodies be open to the public; to define those public bodies which are covered by the act; and to allow closed meetings based on certain exceptions — Judiciary.

SB 2642 — Smith 47th — Would provide for cancellation of a driver's license after determination of abusive and debilitating use of a alcohol or drugs — Judiciary.

SB 2449 — Childre — To provide that counties and municipalities may permit or prohibit Sunday sales other than those sales permitted or prohibited under State law and to provide that county and municipal residents may petition for an election to be held thereof. — Judiciary.

SB 2730 — Bodron, Maloney — Would prohibit the practice of "blind bidding" in connection with the licensing of motion pictures in this state. — Judiciary.

SB 2750 — Lambert — Would provide for uniform child custody jurisdiction and provide for cooperation by courts of this state with courts of other states. — Judiciary.

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## Faces And Places

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

### Lessons Grandpa Taught

March always makes me think of Grandpa Allen. Though he died in March of 1932, when I was three, I still remember quite well one happy morning when I went for a ride in his new Model-T Ford.

Grandpa wanted to do her washing at the spring in the woods a mile or so from their house. It was easier, I guess, to dip water from the spring than to draw it from the well at the house — and I expect the clear spring water got clothes cleaner, too. So Grandpa helped her load the laundry and the zinc wash tubs into his car. If he minded messing up his new car, I don't think he told Grandma so.

Since I lived across the road, he stopped to take me along; we rode to within a hundred or so feet of the spring. Grandpa lifted me out of the car and high into the air; I could look down at his silvery hair and moustache and laughing eyes. Later, while Grandpa scrubbed, Grandma walked with me up the hill to the grocery store and bought me a penny stick of peppermint.

March is usually all blustery and windy, but Grandpa was not like that. He was quiet and patient. I don't remember the buggy he had before he bought his Model-T, but my second cousin, Hugh Henderson, told me about it, not long ago. He said, "Cousin Johnny (in Alabama Cousin is pronounced cut'n) was always so calm. If he got mad, you couldn't tell it. If his horse wanted to walk all around the yard while he was hitching it to the buggy, he wouldn't fuss at the horse. He'd just follow it until he got it harnessed."

Hugh said he remembered a red mule Grandpa owned, that he called

Old Ada, and a black horse he called Old Dock.

"Every Sunday morning he'd hitch Old Dock to his buggy, ready to go to County Line Church," Hugh continued. "In the winter, when it was cold, Cut'n Lemmah (that was Grandpa) would bring a hot brick wrapped in a towel, and set it in the buggy under Cut'n Johnny's feet. Then he'd wait and wait while she fed and watered the turkeys and chickens and then went back in the house to wash her hands and get her hat and purse. And he'd just act as if he had all day. He wouldn't fuss at Cut'n Lemmah one bit."

Aunt Nannie Pearl, Mama's sister, told me that at one time Grandpa owned two buggies. She said some of the children rode in a small buggy, behind the one their mama and papa rode in.

Grandpa's resistance to colds was low. Nearly every winter, I've been told, he caught the flu. That was probably why Grandpa brought the hot brick for his feet.

Later he bought the Model-T. One afternoon, though, as he drove home from a funeral he got soaked in a rainstorm before he could get the car's side curtains put up. This time he took pneumonia; with no miracle drugs available he could not overcome it. On the March day before he died, a tornado raked the community, and leveled a house not too far from his.

In the short time I knew him and in the stories I've heard about him, Grandpa taught me that (1) patience is an admirable trait, and that (2) going to church every Sunday morning, by buggy, car, or on foot, is a good habit, for old and young, in family groups or as individuals.

## Letters To The Editor

### Thanks from Montana

Editor:  
It was 28 degrees below zero the other morning here in Kallispell, Montana, in spite of the fact this has been a very mild winter.

The weather is not, however, what I am writing about. It may have been cold OUTSIDE, but inside we felt the warmth of Christian love all the way from Mississippi. We received the first of a series of monthly checks from First Baptist Church of Jackson for \$250. The money itself was a tremendous blessing but not near the blessing we received in knowing that we have the spiritual support of Christian brothers and sisters in far-away Mississippi.

Montana tends to produce a feeling of isolation at times. Perhaps this is because Southern Baptist work in Montana is still mission work for the most part. We are a very distinct minority in this part of the country (as Southern Baptists) as is evidenced by the size of our association — the distance between the two farthest Southern Baptist Churches being 240 miles in Glacier Association.

Glacier Association has only five Southern Baptist Churches in it. As Southern Baptists in Montana we believe God has placed us here for a reason — to preach and teach the gospel of Jesus Christ. The spiritual and financial support we have received confirm the certainty we already had that Christians by the name of Southern Baptist in Mississippi are concerned about helping us share that gospel.

It is often difficult to find the right words to express gratitude. May I simply say, God bless our sister churches in Mississippi, and first Baptist Jackson in particular, for your demonstration of love.

Sincerely,  
Curtis D. Wallace, Pastor  
Kallispell Southern Baptist Church

### Massachusetts Needs Baptists

Editor:  
May I request publication of the following requests directed toward churches, WMU's, Brotherhoods who are recipients of your paper:

1. If you are a family which is moving to New England, or if you know of a family moving to or in New England, please let us know about these families. We need committed, interested Southern Baptist families to help Judson Memorial and other Southern Baptist churches up here build leadership bases in our midst to reach out in our Bold Mission Thrust. We will contact the families and either seek to help them in getting settled and active with us or refer them to a good Southern Baptist church near them.

2. Is your church or organization looking for a good missions project in Bold Mission Thrust? We have needs of many types up here in Judson Memorial Baptist Church that we will gladly share with you, if you will let us know of your interest.

3. Are you coming to New England on vacation? Let us know if you could work with us for a while in a mission project. It could be mutually beneficial to both of us.

4. Could we come tell the Southern Baptist story as it is in the Greater Lawrence/New England area? We'd like to do so.

Judson Memorial Baptist Church is a fully cooperating Southern Baptist church in the Massachusetts Baptist Association and the Baptist General Association of New England — either of which may be contacted as references.

Contact us at Judson Memorial Baptist Church, P. O. Box 308, North Andover, MA 01845; (617) 478-0022.

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# Major Motion Picture, "Jesus" Will Open In Jackson March 28

JESUS. Warner Brothers and Inspirational Films. Directed by John Krish and Peter Sykes. Produced by The Genesis Project, John Heyman, President. Script from the Gospel of Luke. Opening at the Capri Theater, Jackson, March 28.

By Anne McWilliams

The major motion picture JESUS, a joint venture of Warner Brothers and Inspirational Films, will open at the Capri Theater in Jackson on March 28, for a two-week engagement. The picture will also be showing, I understand, in Pascagoula around Easter, and perhaps in other cities in the state. I saw a preview showing. Now having re-read the book of Luke, I want to see the film again. I recommend it, with-

out reservation.

Committees are set up in each city to pre-sell tickets prior to box office openings. James Carr is chairman of such an inter-denominational committee in Jackson (for information, phone him at home at 956-2105, or at his office 948-8600.) Advance tickets may be bought at 20% discount. An 11-minute preview film is available for showing in churches, civic clubs, etc.

As I watched the movie, I got more and more excited as I thought, "How marvelous that this comes now when in Bold Mission Thrust we want to present the gospel to every person in the

world by the year 2,000. What a powerful aid this will be! Surely it has come with God's own timing."

I have read and heard the story of Jesus countless times. Yet in this movie it all seemed fresh and new. God's love for the world, for the individual — for me — as revealed in His Son Jesus comes through with clarity and power. Jesus' tender compassion for the suffering is shown in the healing of the blind man, his raising a little girl from the dead, his feeding the hungry multitude. I sat there, the tears streaming down my cheeks, as the Holy Spirit touched my heart through that film.

What made the film so much more powerful than other films I have seen on the life of Jesus? Here are some of what I believe are the answers.

The script is directly from the book of Luke, without editorial comment. Scenes come in the exact order that Luke gives them. The text is taken largely from Good News for Modern Man (TEV) translation, but some of the more familiar parts, such as the Lord's Prayer and the Beatitudes, are from the King James.

## Historically Accurate

It is possibly the most authentic and historically accurate film ever made, on the life of Jesus. The producer is the Genesis Project, which is translating the whole Bible onto film, in "The New Media Bible," a 20-year project. John Heyman, president of the Genesis Project, was determined that this should be so — and it is so accurate that it is almost a documentary drama. Researchers and scholars spent five years checking on the details of dress, customs, food, etc. of the time of Christ.

The filming was done in Israel, and in Arab villages on the West Bank of the Jordan River, (and cost six million dollars). Exact sites were used if possible, but of course some had to be reconstructed, such as the Temple. TV antennas and telephone poles in many locations had to be temporarily removed. Properties such as the alabaster flask the woman used when she anointed Jesus' feet had to be detail perfect. The fish Peter caught miraculously were actually caught by local fishermen in the Sea of Galilee.

The crucifixion scene is intensely vivid, and realistic.

## No Big Name Stars

The fact that no big name stars were used is one of the picture's best assets. I think. Heyman did not want big stars' names to detract from the character, life, and teachings of Jesus. Almost all the people in the cast are Israelis and Arabs. But after Heyman interviewed almost 1000 actors, he chose Brian Deacon, an English actor, to play the role of Jesus. Deacon is a member of Britain's eminent Shakespeare Company. His magnificent use of English was an important factor in the choice of him, as Heyman said he feared that accented English might detract from the language of the Bible we are accustomed to.

The red-haired, brown-eyed Deacon did a superb job of depicting a manly, virile, compassionate Christ. He had memorized whole chapters of Luke's gospel, and read the whole book of Luke through 22 times before the shooting began.

As Heyman said, and I agree, "Jesus and the disciples did not walk around in pristine robes with halos over their heads. When you see Christ in this film, you can believe He is a man who spent 18 years in a carpenter's shop before He started His ministry. None of the reverence and respect have been sacrificed but we are dealing with a Jesus who is strong and has muscles. He is a man who can smile and laugh and share His emotions with people. He is not some kind of gold calf floating through the film. The triumph of Christ is the triumph of good over evil; of ordinary people over hypocrisy; of the truth over all forms of dishonesty; of endurance over transcendence."

The directors are John Krish and Peter Sykes. Krish is resident scholar on filmmaking for British Broadcasting Company films. Sykes is Peter Brooks' assistant at the Royal Shakespearean Company.

## Mark Haywood

Six Christian actors and actresses who had small roles in the film are traveling to promote it, appearing on local TV and radio talk shows, etc. Mark Haywood, who played a Roman soldier (non-speaking part), was at First Church, Jackson, several Sundays ago. Haywood, a New York City actor, said that he was brought up as a Catholic, but that he has been a Christian for only two years. He said, "An aunt in Laurel, Maryland — I never much liked her before — but I was visiting her, and saw love and peace in her face I had not seen before. She told me the reason for the new peace she had. As a result, I accepted Jesus as Lord."

He continued, "The producer found me starving in New York. — This is not just another movie. When we had Hollywood's version, Jesus always got lost in the movies. I think the secular part of the community is more excited

than the Christian community about JESUS, because they are really seeing and hearing the true story for the first time."

Haywood, who has acted in Off-Broadway productions, in regional theatre, summer stock, and on television, said that Warner Brothers told theatre owners, "In order to get Superman II, you have to show JESUS."

## A Tool For Evangelism

The movie is already being used to share the person and message of Jesus Christ.

One school teacher took her class to see the film at a morning matinee. She told the children that she would be happy to tell them how to know Christ personally if they would come to her after school. During the next two days she led 14 of her students to Christ.

Plans call for eventual translation into 163 languages, making possible its viewing by over 95% of the world's population. Half of the profits from the first American distribution of JESUS is earmarked for translation and distribution overseas.

In some theaters, invitations will be given at the close of the film. (This will not be done in Jackson.)

After the film has completed its inter-national run in theaters, it will be offered for sale to national television in those countries. Third, it will be taken by film teams to remote areas. In India, for example, the 35 mm film will be converted to 16 mm and hundreds of teams will take the film into regions where theaters do not exist. In the mountain regions, men will travel on motorcycles pulling trailers. Men will erect a giant screen outdoors and thousands of people on hillside will hear the words of Jesus, in their own dialect.

Hundreds of students have already volunteered to be part of the teams needed. In the Philippines over 1500 students committed themselves to showing the film in the jungle areas of their country.

JESUS opens with a moment of absolute silence as the words of John 3:16 are imprinted in bold letters against a "world" in space. Then scenes of Luke 1 and 2, of Jesus' birth and early years, are depicted briefly as a narrator reads from the Scripture. After the title and a few introductory words are flashed on the screen, the action shifts to John the Baptist preaching by the river Jordan, and Brian Deacon makes his first appearance as Jesus when he is baptized by John. The action then unfolds, chapter after chapter, until at Jesus' ascension, the earth appears to be receding into the distance. John 21:25 is given as the concluding thought: "Now there are many other things that Jesus did. If they were all written down one by one, the whole world could not hold the books that would be written."

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# Indiana Names Haygood Executive Director-Elect

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. (BP) — R. V. Haygood has been named executive director treasurer-elect of the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana.

Haygood, 50, will succeed E. Harmon Moore in the top administrative spot, Jan. 1, 1981, after Moore's retirement.

The state convention's executive board, elected Haygood, now the convention's associate executive director and director of missions.

Haygood joined the Indiana convention in 1969 as director of missions and stewardship and became associate director and director of missions in 1973. He has also served as pastor of churches in Arkansas and Texas.

He attended A & M College, Monticello, Ark., is a graduate of Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia,

Ark., and attended Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas.

Wheaton, Ill. (EP) — Four arrests connected with the seizure of a printing press operated by the unregistered Baptists in the USSR were confirmed by Georgi Vins, exiled last April to the U.S. and a member of the unregistered Baptist, Council of Churches of Evangelical Christians-Baptists (CCECB), this week. Three women and one man were arrested on January 19 as authorities seized the secret printing press of the "Christianin" (Christian) Press in the Ukrainian village of Stary Kadaki. The press had reportedly published 500 thousand religious books in the past ten years.

## VIEWPOINT

### Life Style

By John Alexander, Director, Stewardship Department

Paul spoke to the Christians in Rome saying, "Do not put on the style of living of this age, but put on another form by the making new of your intellect, investigating the will of God, that is good and perfect and which God will accept" (Romans 12:2).

What is the style of living of this age? The average American family today is spending 110 per cent of its income weekly (through credit buying), and the average family spends every penny it receives within 40 hours after receiving it. "Luxury" is the word we all worship! Some more than others, but most folk today sacrifice for "luxury." We want a bigger house, a bigger car, a bigger boat, a longer vacation, the most expensive clothes, entertainment, and food available. Whether we have the income to pay for it or not, we scheme and skimp and mortgage to have it. Beyond a certain point, more and more money cannot really increase the opulence of one's life style.

In ancient Rome the Christians were exhorted not to imitate their pagan neighbors. Americans would be well advised to do the same. A Christian's life style should be markedly different from the unbelieving, pleasure-mad throngs.

How can such a pattern of life be achieved? It begins with a renewed mind, "The making new of your intellect." Because of our susceptibility to deception, the scriptures warn us against being deceived. People who are deceived are affected erroneously in their minds. Because they think wrong, they pursue false aims and goals. Recovery from the blight of "this-age living" begins with a change of mind.

Paul considered himself to be a "new man in Christ." His whole thinking, and thus his life style, changed. God is able to give us a "new intellect," a new set of priorities, priorities that reflect the mind of Christ.

The second step in changing from "this age living" is to "investigate the will of God." It is imperative that we come to understand "the will of God" for us and our time in the world.

Our Lord, standing in the shadow of the cross, prayed, "Not my will, thine be done." If we can get our heads straightened out where we think straight and seriously study for the will of God in the lives of His children, we are on the way to recovery. God's children, sharing the heavenly nature, ought to desire supremely to do the Father's will. God's will is good and complete. As Christians our best interest is in pursuing the will of our Heavenly Father. It is the work of Satan to lead us astray, divert our attention, entice us to settle for second best. Our highest achievement is in finding and following the will of God for us.

God will accept us and our service when it is in His will. Paul says to the Corinthian church, "More than anything else, however, we want to please Him, whether in our home here or there. For all of us must appear before Christ, to be judged by Him, so that each one may receive what he deserves, according to what he has done, good or bad, in his bodily life" (II Cor. 5:9-10).

"When anyone is joined to Christ, he is a new being: the old is gone, the new has come" (II Cor. 5:17).

The greatest freedom a Christian can enjoy in this life is bondage to the will of God. We must not waste the grace of God! Think about it!

# Cooperative Program Has First \$7 Million Month

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — The Southern Baptist Convention's national Cooperative Program recorded its first \$7 million month in February, according to figures compiled here by the SBC Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee received and disbursed \$7,109,343 in Cooperative Program receipts channeled by SBC churches through state Baptist conventions. The figure topped by 27.13 percent the \$5,592,262 given in February of 1979 and exceeded the previous record high month of \$6,488,452 in January 1980.

The February figure was aided by several state conventions which sent large checks for Bold Mission Thrust giving above their basic operating budgets at the end of their fiscal years.

The undesignated Cooperative Program receipts for February, along with another \$22,489,332 in designated contributions, brought total giving for the month to \$29,598,675, up 26.64 percent over February 1979.

Through the first five months of the SBC's 1979-80 fiscal year, Southern Baptists have given \$30,199,313 through the Cooperative Program, up 15.56 percent over the same point last year, and \$31,604,019 in designated

contributions, up 21.59 percent. That totals \$61,803,331, up 18.57 percent over the \$52,125,194 at the same point last year.

Harold C. Bennett, executive director-treasurer of the Executive Committee, said he felt as if the Cooperative Program giving "is coming as a result of effective promotion of Bold Mission Thrust," the SBC plan to proclaim the message of Christ to the entire world by the year 2000.

"I feel this is an indication of an increasing excitement about personal involvement in missions," Bennett said. "This seems to indicate a reaffirmation of the Cooperative Program as our main channel of world mission support."

Bislig, Philippines — In the months following an August 1979 evangelistic crusade in the Basilg area of Mindanao in the Philippines, Southern Baptist missionaries have witnessed approximately 150 more professions of faith and about 50 more baptisms, according to missionary David A. Barclay. Three new churches have been organized and four or five more groups of Christians are nearly ready to begin churches.

# Bills Of Interest Are Listed And Explained

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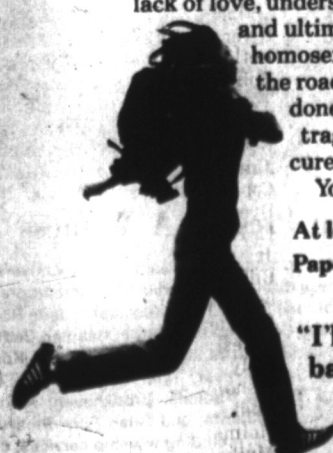
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# First, Jackson's Singles Major On Ministering

By Anne McWilliams  
(Note: This is the first in a series of six articles on single adults in Jackson.)

The single adults of First Church, Jackson, major on ministering to others. Frank Butler, the church's minister of college and single adults, said, "We want to show consistency—that what we do is the same as what we say."

After the Easter Flood last year they adopted six families who had flood-

damaged houses and helped them rebuild, giving free labor. Also they collected money for sheet rock. If the families could pay, they did. If they could not, the singles' fund paid.

Afterward, a singles' ministry fund was continued. When the electric system burned out in the car of a young woman, member of the Singles Division, the fund paid for the repair (since the owner could not afford to pay.) Then at Christmas, \$250 from the fund went to a single parent to help buy

children's toys.

Study, fellowship, and social activities are administered in balanced doses for the 960 single adults of the church, which at the close of 1979 reported 6489 total and 4208 resident members.

For Sunday School, Butler said, the single adults follow the regular curriculum. In addition, a Single Adults Bible Study is held on Thursday nights for everyone in the division, led by the singles themselves. Usually this is combined with a fellowship time, or "game hour." Some individual departments also have Bible study on Monday nights.

An on-going training group meets at 5:45 Sundays for Share and Prayer Time, not only to pray with each other, but to share with each other the good things that God has been doing for them during the week. Usually 45 or 50 meet for this. Some elect after a time to transfer to other training groups; others continue to stay with the Share and Prayer Time.

Butler said he has encouraged these to choose Share Partners, not only as prayermates, but as encouragers of each other, in good times and bad.

Twice a year Single Adult division retreats may take the form of a one-day event at Camp Garaywa, for instance, or a weekend at a state park, such as the one last fall at Paul B. Johnson Park.

The church has a singles choir and a singles handbell group.

Four times a year the singles division has a social. It may be a banquet or a lively Hee-Haw party, or it may follow some holiday theme.

A once-a-month All-Singles Fellowship is usually informal. Every Sunday night an informal group gets together at someone's house, to eat hamburgers or pizza they bought along the way, after church. Sometimes groups of singles get together after morning worship for Sunday lunch.

First Sunday, every month, is the day for First Place Luncheon. This is a covered dish affair at the church. Sometimes there's a program; sometimes there's not. Butler said, "If we do have a program, it must be brief, or no one will stay for it!" Southwestern Singers were scheduled to appear in March. In December, world missions was the program theme; in January the Blood Bank was waiting for those who wanted to give blood after they ate.

At 5 o'clock most Sunday afternoons, a group of Singles goes to visit singles who are newcomers to the city, or others. Often those who are visiting have a chance to witness or to offer friendship or counsel or to say, "Hey, it's time for the worship service to begin. Let's go to church!"

At First Church, the single adults care about each other, and about others. And they show they care.

Carol Stream, II. (EP) — A Christian world health and development agency that sends donated medical supplies for relief in developing countries, MAP International is dispatching almost \$85,000 in urgently-needed quinine for treating Cambodian refugees suffering an epidemic of a deadly malarial strain. The quinine capsules will be used by a medical team of the Southern Baptist Convention for treating refugees in camps Mai Rut and Kam Put in Thailand. There the chloroquine-resistant falciparum malaria rages among 50 percent of the people, according to Steven Van Cleave, a physician who requested the shipment.



Sunday School enrollment of single adults of First Church, Jackson, totals 611. This number includes around 140 in the college division, and around 470 in the singles division. The group above is the singles division at one of the three Sunday Schools held on Sunday mornings: Frank Butler is minister of college and single adults; Frank Pollard is pastor.

## Missionaries On Furlough

Missionaries now on furlough in Mississippi are:

Jerry and Glenda White, Korea, 715 East Northside Drive, Jackson; Wayne and Florence Frederick, Guadeloupe, 3331 Old Canton Road, Jackson; James and Mary Slack, Philippines, 407 North 38th St., Hattiesburg; Paul D. and Brenda Lee, Spain, Box 1324, Starkville (who will be leaving March 25, 1980); Errol and Mary Simmons, Spain, 100 Georgia Ave., Hattiesburg;

Gerald and Glenda Davis, Philippines, 520 Magazine St., Tupelo; Donald and Jo Redmon, Costa Rica, 2334 Coronet Place, Jackson; James and Guinevere Young, Bangladesh, 1625 Easy St., Yazoo City; Jimmy and Joan Barrentine, Paraguay, Box 68, Crystal Springs; Hal and Lou Ann Lee, France, Box 942, Clinton;

Betty Hart, Chile, Box 1, Sandy Hook; John and Clara Schooler, South

West Africa, 2423 Brandon Ave., Jackson; Cynthia McGee, Chile, 228 Fredricka, Jackson (on medical leave);

James and Paulette Kellum, Philippines, Box 95, Tutwiler (who will leave March 22, 1980); Mary Frank Kirkpatrick, Liberia, Box 94, Noxapater; Dorothy Latham, Equatorial Brazil, Box 16, Forkville, Miss.

## K. Z. Stevens, Pastor, Dies

K. Z. Stevens, 69, of Route 3, Columbus, died March 1 at the Golden Triangle Regional Medical Center. Services were held at East End Church with W. M. Daves officiating, assisted by Carey Sansing. Interment was in Smithville Cemetery.

A native of Bexar, Ala., he was the son of the late Francis Marion Stevens and Elizabeth Summerford Stevens.

Stevens resided in Lowndes County for 32 years, was a graduate of East Mississippi Junior College and attended Mississippi College.

While serving as a Baptist minister for 42 years, he was pastor for churches in Smithville; Winfield, Ala.; Reform, Ala.; Camp Creek Church, Lee County; and at East End Church, Calvary, Friendship, and Border Springs Churches in Lowndes County.

He served on the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board and was moderator of Lowndes County Baptist Association at least two terms. For five years he was heard over WACR radio, teaching Sunday School lessons.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Hilda Pullen Stevens of Columbus; two daughters, Mrs. Wayne Beatty and Mrs. Bill McClanahan of Columbus; one son, Paul W. Stevens of New Orleans; seven grandchildren; three sisters; and two brothers.

## Clifton Johnston, Pastor, Dies

Clifton E. Johnston, 60, died Feb. 21 at St. Dominic Hospital in Jackson after a short illness. Funeral services were Feb. 23 from North Morton Baptist Church, Martis Jenkins, Edgar Jenkins, and Hilton Austin officiating. Burial was in the North Morton Cemetery.



Johnston

He was a member of the North Morton Church, where he had served as assistant pastor. Previously he had been pastor of Riverside Church, Monticello.

Born Feb. 8, 1920, he surrendered to the ministry Feb. 16, 1958, at Centerville Church, Centerville, MS. He was ordained Oct. 2, 1972, at North Morton Church. He was a graduate of Clarke College (1960).

A resident of Morton for 17 years, he formerly lived at Brookhaven. He was employed as a shipping and receiving clerk for General Cable Company and was a veteran of World War II.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Estelle Johnston, Morton; two sons, Edgar L. and Lamar, both of Morton; one daughter, Gloria (Mrs. Jimmy Burks), Morton; one brother, five sisters; and two grandchildren.

## Classes To Begin For Fifty Plus

Charles Scott, retired professor at Mississippi College, will lead a Life-Plus Forum for the 50 Plus Life Development Center's program to begin March 20 at the Center, 1515 North State St., Jackson.

Classes will be offered from 10 a.m. to lunch time for six Thursdays. They include Defensive Driver Training for Older Adults, Spanish For Beginners, Gardening and Lawn Care, Macramé, and Better and Faster Reading for Mature Adults.

Lunch will be served. The forum to be led by Scott will be a part of the luncheon hour. His theme is Dealing With Loneliness and Boredom in Later Years.

A Health Enrichment Series will begin on March 21, to continue for six Fridays. For further information concerning the program of TOTAL LIVING FOR FIFTY PLUS, a non-denominational organization, call 333-3881.



## The Fishermen Present A Witness

Sponsored by the Baptist Student Union at Mississippi State University, The Fishermen present a Christian witness through the medium of contemporary religious music. Pictured are (seated first row) Shelle Tyler, Kosciusko; Jane Robertson, New Albany; (seated second row) Carol Cole, Jackson; Carol Chandler, Cedar Town, Ga.; Marcia Waddell, Birmingham, Ala.; Gay Harris, Jackson; Paula Rood, Kosciusko; Felicia Brunt, McComb; (standing) Scott Fraser, Tylertown; Jamey Shannon, Starkville; Scott Blair, Hattiesburg; Tommy Tadlock, Brookhaven; Alan Kariak, Jackson. Not pictured are David Shivers, Atlanta; and Brian Furr, Picayune. The Fishermen share Christ in a number of ways, including worship services, concerts, retreats, school assemblies, youth rallies, and banquets. For further information contact The Fishermen, Baptist Student Union, Drawer BU, Mississippi State, Miss. 39762.

## New Salem Will Celebrate Centennial

New Salem Church, Caledonia, Lowndes County, will celebrate its centennial March 22 and 23. The church was established March 22, 1880.

Saturday evening's feature, March 22, will be an informal get-together at the church. Then Sunday, March 23, a full day of celebration will include messages by former pastors and a pot luck lunch at the church. Sunday afternoon's centennial program will be an old-fashioned singing.

Alice Watson, publicity chairman, states, "We invite all former members to come celebrate with us."

## Calvary, Tupelo Buys Van For Samoan Baptists

The deacons of Calvary Church, Tupelo, have approved a recommendation made by the Reed Trust Committee that approximately \$12,700.00 in the trust fund be sent to the Hawaii Baptist Convention for the purchase of a bus for the American Samoan Baptists.

The 12-passenger van has already arrived for use by the Happy Valley Baptist Church in Pago Pago, American Samoa.

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# Names In The News . . .



Joaquim de Paula Rosa, 38, has been named director of the Brazilian Baptist Publishing House, Rio. He is the first Brazilian to assume this post in the 72-year history of the publishing house. He succeeds Southern Baptist missionary H. Victor Davis, who had been the director since 1974.

Charles A. Arrington, retired Southern Baptist missionary and longtime South Carolina pastor, died February 5 at his home in Clemson, S. C. as a victim of cancer. Arrington and his wife were employed as missionary associates in 1970, and he became pastor of an English-speaking church in Beirut, Lebanon. Later he served English-language churches in Athens, Greece, and in the Arabian Peninsula. After retirement in 1977, they returned to Europe for the pastorate of the First Baptist Church, Rota, Spain.

Two vice presidents were promoted to senior vice president and three directors were named vice presidents in personnel changes announced at the Southern Baptist Annuity Board, Dallas, Tex., by Darold H. Morgan, president. Harvey H. Kennedy and Harold D. Richardson were named senior vice presidents as the result of action taken by the denominational retirement and insurance planning institution's Board of Trustees. Directors John Dudley, Richard Farr and Frank G. Schwall, Jr. were elevated to vice president.

Jessica Rose Spears, daughter of Jessica Spears, pastor of Ebenezer Church, Attala County, and Mrs. Spears, was married recently to Frank Jernigan, in a wedding at the Ebenezer Church.

William A. Cox Jr. was recently named supervisor of the program and promotion section, conference center division of the Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn. In this position Cox will be responsible for securing utilization of the conference centers during the winter seasons and supporting the summer conferences through promotion.

A native of Texas, Cox holds the B.S. degree from East Texas Baptist College, Marshall, and the M.R.E. degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth. Prior to assuming his present position in January, 1980, Cox was supervisor of trade sales in the Broadman sales department.

Bethany Church ordained Sam Calpepper as deacon at the evening service Sunday, Feb. 24. Gordon Sansing brought the ordination message. Jimmie Garrard is pastor of Bethany at Wynot, in Lauderdale County.

Cecil Harper of Jackson, will be the guest speaker and singer at the next Pastors-Wives Supper Meeting on Monday, March 17, at County Line Church, Attala County. This will be a covered-dish supper meeting.

THE WOMANS MISSIONARY UNION of the FOREST CHURCH honored MRS. RUTH NOBLIN, MRS. LAVONNE BISHOP, MRS. ETHEL MILLS, MRS. LAURA McCORMICK, and MRS. JEWEL SMITH at the March meeting. Still active members, all of these women have led mission work in the Forest Church for 40 years or more, since the 1930s.

Along with other church activities, the five women have provided leadership for the WMU, the youth organizations, as circle chairmen, teaching mission study books, and in associational gatherings.

Mrs. Smith, left, is presently the WMU director. Shown with her are Mrs. Ethel Mills, right, and Mrs. Ruth Noblin, standing.

## Just For The Record . . .

On Sunday, January 27, 1980, John Allen Wade, pastor of Vaiden Church, and his wife Rosa, were honored by their church for his retirement after nearly 40 years as a minister.

The message during the 11:00 worship hour was brought by Jimmy Vance, pastor of Calvary Church in Starkville. Vance was ordained to preach while he was a member of one of Wade's churches. Special music was provided by Ron Hunsinger, minister of music at Clear Creek Church, Oxford. During this hour the Wades were presented a plaque recognizing their 16 years of service to the Vaiden Church.

Among the special activities during the day were a lunch, a reception, and a program of testimonies about the influence that the Wades had had on the lives of certain people.

While one obvious highlight of the day for the Wades was their receiving a 1980 Chevrolet pickup from their church people, nothing could have meant more to this couple than the vast host of friends and relatives who came to make John Allen and Rosa Wade Day special.



Drew Lenard, Chairman of Deacons, presents plaque to Mr. and Mrs. John A. Wade.

Arlington Heights Church, Pascagoula, recently dedicated its new sanctuary. Joey Hancock, former pastor, preached at the morning service. Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, preached the message at an afternoon dedication ceremony. Howard Taylor is the pastor.

Claude Townsend of Florence was guest speaker for the missions banquet at Society Hill Church, Jeff Davis County, Thursday night, Feb. 28. He appealed to those present to give of themselves and also of their personal funds for missions causes, and told them how such giving would make their cups run over.

Pastor Ray Henry, who recently made a mission tour to India, told about his experiences there. He used panoramic views of India, including scenes of Hindu temples and of Christian groups, among these his own preaching and witnessing ventures there.

Pastor Henry recognized several bold mission groups which went out from the Society Hill Church last year — to White Tanks Baptist Church in Arizona, to Harlowton, Montana, and to Beulah, North Dakota.

Melissa Langston sang several solos, accompanied by Karen Williamson at the piano.

The acute circumstances of world hunger was the theme of a special program held at Faith Baptist Church, Lowndes Association, on February 18.

The event was planned by Mrs. Ann Wozniak, Acteens leader, assisted by Johnny Clardy and Russ Flood, Royal Ambassador leaders. Thirty-eight people, including the Acteens, Royal Ambassadors and their parents, were in attendance at the meeting which featured a meager meal of rice and water.

As an outgrowth of the emphasis a special offering for the relief of world hunger is being received and will be sent for that purpose through the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board at a later date. Victor Bonner is pastor at Faith Church.

Tokyo, Japan — The 1979 cooperative offering of the Japan Baptist Convention exceeded the goal by \$10,880 for a total of \$348,594. The 1980 goal is \$367,521.38. Approximately 20 percent is designated for direct evangelism, 16 percent for church strengthening activities, and 14 percent for Christian education through the seminary in Fukuoka and the nursing school at Japan Baptist Hospital in Kyoto.

The morality of the Gospel is the noblest gift ever bestowed by God on man. — Charles Montesquieu

## Revival Dates

Siloam Church, Magee: Youth Revival; March 14-16; services at 7 each night; special activities for the youth planned each night; Carlton McNeer of Oak Grove Church, Mendenhall, preaching; special music provided by members of the Transformation Ministries Revival Team.

First Church, Nicholson: March 14-16; William Oakley, pastor of First Church, Piggott, Ark., evangelist; Tom Hollowell, pastor; services at 7 p.m. Fri. and Sat.; Sunday services to conclude with a noon meal at the church and a special note burning ceremony at 2 p.m.

Union Church, Picayune: March 16-21; services at 7:30 p.m.; Harold Warner, evangelist; G. A. McCoy, pastor; Dianne Williams, in charge of music.

Louis Church: March 17 at 7:30 through March 23; Howard Aultman, full time evangelist, Columbia, preaching; (Aultman was pastor for 38 years and is now beginning his 4th year in revival evangelism. He is a past vice-president of the Southern Baptist Convention); Dallas Rayborn, layman, music evangelist; services Tuesday through Friday mornings at 10 and Monday through Saturday nights at 7:30; regular services Sunday, March 23; James E. Messer, pastor.

Cary Church (Sharkey-Issaquena): March 21-23; Truman Scarborough, pastor of Crowder Church, Crowder, evangelist; music directed by Jimmy Priddy from Cary Church; services Friday and Saturday nights at 7 o'clock; Sunday services at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Billy J. McDaniel, pastor.

Let us be of good cheer, however, remembering that the misfortunes hardest to bear are those which never come. — Lowell — Democracy and Addresses

Surinam, Mauritius — When the governor-general of Mauritius laid the corner-stone for a nursery school for workers' children in the city of Surinam, Southern Baptist missionary Jeanie Wood was one of the few foreigners there. She also is one of a few foreigners who are members of the Women's Self-Help Association which sponsored the event. Mrs. Wood will demonstrate quilting and applique to the organization, which helps local women promote sewing and needlework sold locally.

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FIRST CHURCH, OLIVE BRANCH recently bought a three-year-old, three-bedroom home for its minister of youth. The property is located on Chickasaw Drive near the Olive Branch Elementary School, and consists of the 1,200 square foot house, with garage, on the half-acre-plus lot, formerly owned by V. L. Burks. Jimmy Hudson, minister of youth at the church, moved into the house Feb. 28.

## Staff Changes

Robert Day, pastor of the Lilly Orchard Church, Jackson County, has resigned.

Griff Walker has accepted the call of Mineral Wells Church, DeSoto County, as pastor, and began his ministry there the first Sunday in March. He is a student at Mid-America Seminary.

Carvis E. Tutor of Route 1, Randolph, Miss., has resigned the pastorate of Bethel Church, Pontotoc County. He is available for supply preaching.

Bill Henderson is the new pastor of Westside Church, Calhoun County. He and his family moved on the field Feb. 12. The pastorium was renovated in preparation for their arrival.

J. A. Simmons has accepted the pastorate of Carson Ridge Church, Attala County.

Van Hardin has been called as pastor of Franklin Creek Church, Jackson County. He is a graduate of Mississippi College and Southern Seminary. William Carey College awarded him a Doctor of Divinity degree.

He was pastor of First Church, Leakesville, for the past ten years. Previously he was pastor of First Church, Moss Point.

Joe K. Hill has been called as pastor of Doty Springs Church, Attala County. Former pastor of Calvary Church in Canton, he began his new work on March 2.

Jim Cornell has accepted a call as music and youth director for Ingalls Avenue Church, Pascagoula. He is a graduate of West Georgia College and New Orleans Seminary. Cornell is married to the former Patricia Payton of Decatur, Ga. He moved to Ingalls Avenue from Galilee Church, Zachary, La.

## Missionary News

Samuel and Ginny Cannata, missionaries to the Sudan, have arrived on the field (address: c/o ACROSS, Box 21033, Nairobi, Kenya). Their mailing address is Nairobi though they are living in Sudan. He is a native of Houston, Texas. The former Virginia (Ginny) Currey of Mississippi, she was born in Greenville and also lived in Stoneville, Leland and Hollandale while growing up.

Colen H. Redmon, father of Donald H. Redmon, missionary to Costa Rica,

died Feb. 27 in Panama City, Fla. Redmon is in the States on furlough (address: 2334 Coronet Place, Jackson, Miss. 39204). He is a native of Panama City, Fla., and his wife is the former Jo Eubanks of Pontotoc County, Miss.

Dorothy Latham, missionary to Brazil, has arrived in the States for furlough (address: Box 16, Forkville, Miss. 39076). A native of Mississippi, she was born in Rosedale and grew up in Forkville.

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# SCRAPBOOK

## A SPRINGTIME DRIVE

We drove into the country  
On a beautiful springtime day.  
The weather was delightful  
And we hurried on our way.  
"Oh look," I cried, "There is a bird  
I've never before have seen;  
Its head is red with yellow breast  
And black are the tail and wings.  
Wait, wait, wait,  
His nest I'd like to see."  
"Huh? Huh? Huh?" he replied.  
Zip, zip, zip and we sped on by.

On down a lovely country lane  
Past farms and pastures on either side.  
The fields were green with the years,  
First growth that lay so far and wide.  
"Look, look," I cried, "There's a baby  
colt; his hide is wet  
And he has wobbly legs; he must be very, very new;  
His ma so proud, stands by his side.  
She looks much like our 'Old Blue'  
Wait, wait, wait,  
There is more I'd like to see."  
"Huh? Huh? Huh?" he replied.  
Zip, zip, zip, and we sped on by.

We followed the road into a canyon  
Where rocks like walls were so high.  
Above the craggy cliffs, soaring birds  
Circled and I heard their warning cry.  
Beside the road the river ran  
And turbulent was its race.  
"Let's stop," I said, "And look awhile  
In a roadside parking place.  
Wait, wait, wait,  
There's one just ahead."  
"Huh? Huh? Huh?" he replied.  
Zip, zip, zip and we sped on by.

The canyon opened onto a desert  
Of miles and miles of untamed land.  
Shifting winds had built imagery cities  
And lakes from the hot burning sand.  
I saw the white desert candles standing  
Like sentinels in the vastness of the plain  
Many hues of desert flowers had unfolded  
Following a recent springtime rain.

He had slowed the car's speed and he gazed  
So far away. "Out there," he said, "Some day  
I'd like to roam." Then he stepped on the gas  
And zip, zip, zip, we sped on home.

—Cleone W. Langley

## A Different Kind Of Spring

We think of spring as being near  
When violets lift their pretty heads  
And birds compete in lovely songs  
And buds come out of winter beds.

This spring said, "I'll be different!"  
And softly tiptoed in one night,  
Like fairies from Walt Disney's show,  
All dressed in robes of lacy white.

Very beautiful! But please,  
We'd like to see the grass turn green  
And flowers bloom, and nesting birds,  
Do keep the snow from postcard scenes!

Could it be, amid the cold  
And through the spring's white veil  
I hear God's silent voice across the land:  
"Turn back to me; I'll never fail."

—Ruby Singley

## Of Warm and Pretty Things

My heart inspires a poem  
Of warm and pretty things:  
Of wings that fly that fly the butterfly;  
Of songs a bluebird sings;  
March's cold; April's rain  
And tulips pretty in bed;  
Of fragrant daffodils  
And hawthorn budding red;  
Hanging branches of yellowbell  
And other nature scenes  
Of robins building nests;  
My hand pens a poem of Spring.

—Sarah Peugh  
Aberdeen

True education is a gradual process,  
like the sunrise — not a sudden one,  
like lightning.

## April's Lady

If you were April's lady,  
And I were lord in May, We'd throw  
with leaves for hours,  
And draw for days with flowers,  
Till day like night were shady,  
And night were bright like day;  
If you were April's lady,  
And I were lord in May.

—From the poem by  
Algernon Charles  
Swinburne (1837-1909)

There are two worlds: the world that  
we can measure with line and rule, and  
the world that we feel with our hearts  
and imaginations. —Leigh Hunt.

## Young Buds

I saw young buds upon the trees  
Unfold themselves in prayer,  
And heard no sound — but yet I knew  
That Spring was in the air.

I saw each flower lift its face,  
Charmed by a strange perfume,  
And knew the silent grace of Spring  
Had taught them how to bloom.

Strange, how the pastures of the soul  
Grow greener when Spring starts—  
How hope can blossom like a leaf  
When Spring is in men's hearts.

—Mona Elaine Adelman



## Blue Mountain Singers Are On Tour

The Blue Mountain College Singers are making a tour of Mississippi during spring holidays, March 9-16. The group of 24 young women is directed by Mrs. Nancy Ellis Robertson and accompanied by Mrs. Dianne Formosa. They will be singing in Calhoun City, Greenwood, Greenville, Pascagoula, Flora, West Helena, Ark., and Clarksdale.

## Homecomings

Carmel Church, Monticello, will observe homecoming day Sunday, March 23. Charles Guy of Ruth, a former pastor at Carmel, will bring the morning message. Clifton Williams, of Carmel, will direct the choir. Lunch will be served at the church. The afternoon service will feature the Southland Boys' Quartet of Collins, as well as other singing groups. Robert Dunn is the pastor.

Crosby Church will observe homecoming on Sunday, April 6. A special program has been planned for the 11 a.m. service. J. Paul Jones, director of missions, Mississippi Association, will preach. Fred Humes, music director at Crosby, will be in charge of special music. Farrell McMorris is the pastor. A covered dish dinner will follow the service.

Holly Springs Church, Lincoln County, will have homecoming day Sunday, March 16, during which former pastor, Jeff Johnson, will be the featured speaker. K. C. Beeson will direct the music. Lunch at the church will be followed by a short business meeting and an afternoon gospel singing, according to Glenn McInnis, pastor.

Yesterday's giving in tomorrow's world cannot meet the expanding needs of the kingdom of God.

## Men From 16 Churches Meet At Olive

Wilton Pettit of Franklinton, La., spoke to the Pearl River associational Brotherhood meeting March 4 at Olive Church, Lumberton, at 7 p.m. His topic was "The Ministry of Baptist Men In Daily Witnessing."

The men of the association presented a gift, a large dictionary, to H. I. Robinson, the associational Brotherhood director, of Poplarville. Ward Hurt made the presentation. Hurt, president of the Olive Brotherhood, also gave the welcome address. Louis Nicolosi, music director of First Church, Poplarville, and the Olive Quartet (Mr. and Mrs. Ward Hurt and Mr. and Mrs. Micky Robinson) sang. Paul Monroe and Joe Powell were also on program.

The Baptist Young Women and other women of the Olive Church prepared and served support to the group of 125 men (nine pastors), representing 16 Pearl River County churches.

## Devotional

## The Grand Miracle

By Lammie Wilbourn, Pastor, Pine Lake (Rankin)

II Corinthians 5:19; Colossians 1:19,20

Les Miserables is a novel by Victor Hugo. This novel, set in the 1800's in France, has as its principal character a man by the name of Jean Valjean. He was arrested as an older teenager for stealing a piece of bread from the bakery and sentenced to life as a galley slave. After 20 years of inhuman treatment he successfully escaped. During those 20 years Jean Valjean became well known for his incredible strength and agility. After his escape he was converted through a witness of trust by a priest. He became a respectable, wealthy man and eventually succeeded to a high position in the French society. Always he was careful of his true identity, for a man named Javert pursued him. However, that incredible physical strength was now matched by character and spiritual strength which won him the trust and respect of the people in his town.

One day as Jean Valjean, now known by a different name, was walking through the town a loaded heavy cart overturned and pinned its driver underneath it. The man was being crushed under the weight and would have been killed but for Jean Valjean. Forgetting his concealed identity and respectable position, he stooped low and crawled underneath the cart. With his massive shoulders underneath the full load he lifted the weight so the injured man could be freed. Javert was present and knew there was only one man alive who could perform this incredible feat.

This story is an illustration of the Incarnation. Only God could lift the crushing load of sin upon the lives of an injured and struggling mankind. In your own life there has been sin too heavy to be lifted except by the incredible, supernatural strength of God revealed in Jesus Christ.

Before the Cross and the Empty Tomb there had to be the Cradle at Bethlehem. The cross depicts God stooping low, getting down to where we hurt and need strength in order to get underneath the load to lift it. Unlike Jean Valjean, Jesus intended to reveal His true identity as Very God of Very God. Each miracle of love and compassion; each new revelation in teaching the disciples; each new prophecy of the cross was intended to explain God to man!

C. S. Lewis calls the virgin birth and Incarnation the Grand Miracle. It is that indeed!

## Bible Book Series

## Paul Before Agrippa

By J. Roy McComb, Pastor, First, Columbia

Acts 25:13-26:32

This section of scripture is a continuation of Paul's encounters with the Roman rulers and his defense of himself as well as his presentation of his cause and the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I. Paul's Case Referred To Agrippa II (25:13-22).

A few days after the Jews from Jerusalem had pressured Festus to send Paul to Jerusalem and his subsequent refusal, King Agrippa II and Bernice arrived in Caesarea to pay their respects to Festus the new governor. Agrippa is the great-grandson of Herod the Great. This Herodian's family has encountered members of the Christian faith before. Herod the Great tried to destroy the infant Jesus. Herod's son, Antipas, beheaded John the Baptist. Herod's grandson, Agrippa I, slew James the son of Zebedee with a sword. Now Agrippa II is about to meet the Apostle Paul. Agrippa II and Bernice were actually brothers and sisters. The story of Bernice is a sordid one indeed. At present she is living incestuously with her brother Agrippa II.

Festus decides to confide in Agrippa concerning Paul. King Agrippa who was part Jew himself was certainly familiar with Jewish concepts and background as well as being very familiar with the Christian story. Therefore, it was only natural that Festus, a recent arrival to the area, would consult with Agrippa. Festus relates his inheritance of Paul's case from Felix. He relates the demand of the Sanhedrin from Jerusalem for the custody of Paul. He relates his refusal to concede to their demands. He relates his subsequent arraignment of trial for Paul at Caesarea. He tells about the Jews' failure to produce any charges of concern to the Roman Empire. He tells Agrippa about the religious questions involved. Festus admits his personal and official perplexity over this matter.

After Festus explains the situation Agrippa asks permission to see Paul. Paul is brought before Agrippa and Bernice. Festus states that he has found nothing deserving of death in the accusations against Paul. He further explains that Paul has appealed to the emperor.

The problem Festus is facing is trying to determine what he will write to the Roman emperor. He is perplexed because there does not seem to be any concrete charges of concern to Rome that he might include in the letter. Paul has appealed to Rome and yet Festus has no written reason for sending him yet. Festus knows well the displeasure of the Roman emperor if Paul arrives there without concrete written charges going along with him. In conclusion, the purpose for which Agrippa and Bernice are to hear Paul is to help Festus write a letter of charges to the Caesar.

II. Paul's Personal Testimony To Agrippa II (26:1-32).

Chapter 26 is composed primarily of Paul's personal testimony as it relates to the charges against him. A catalog of what Paul says is following:

1. Paul's Introduction of Himself to Festus (1-3)
2. Paul's Former Life (4-5)
3. Paul's Version of the Situation (6-8)
4. Paul's Persecution of the Early Christians (9-11)
5. Paul's Dramatic Encounter with Jesus the Christ (12-15)
6. Paul's Commission from Christ (16-18)
7. Paul's Faithfulness to Christ's Commission (19-23)
8. Paul's Impact on Festus and Agrippa (24-29)
9. Paul's Innocence Admitted by Festus and Agrippa (30-32)

Paul recounts what happened to him on the road to Damascus and how this has affected him from that day forward. He sets his conversion on the backdrop of what he used to be. He was a Pharisee. He was a man committed wholeheartedly to the Jewish faith. It was his desire to eradicate the world of these who were followers of Jesus of Nazareth. However, on one of his journeys seeking out Christians to destroy, he met Jesus Christ. His entire life was changed forever. Jesus called him to be a servant, and a servant he has been ever since.

When a person encounters Jesus of Nazareth his life will never be the same. If he responds in faith he will become a servant of Jesus. If he responds in rejection he will become a

reprobate and his life will get worse. Thanks be unto God for the privilege of following Jesus Christ.

## The Coachmen To Sing At Youth Night

Attala Associational Youth Night at Ethel Church on Saturday, March 15, will feature "The Coachmen" from Holmes Junior College.

This singing group is directed by Rick Carter, member of the music faculty at H.J.C. and minister of music at Second Church, Kosciusko.

The program will begin at 7 p.m. Kenneth Moore, Chairman of the Youth Committee, will preside. Other members of the committee are Hugh Plunkett, Vic Johnston, Mrs. Lamar Sims, Mrs. Errol Carron, and Reed Dicken. Youths from all churches in the association are invited.

## Off The Record

A young mother put her two children to bed, then changed into an oversized sweat shirt and an old pair of blue jeans and proceeded to wash her hair. All during the shampoo she could hear the youngsters growing wilder and noisier.

She finished as quickly as she could, wrapped a large towel around her head, stormed into the children's room, and put them back to bed with a stern warning to stay there.

As she left she heard her two-year-old say to his brother in a trembling voice, "Who was that?"

"What does 'college bred' mean, Dad?" asked the young man. "College bred," replied his father, "is a four-year loaf made from the flavor of youth and his old man's dough."

Rebuked by her mother for having been cross and ill-tempered, the teenage daughter retorted, "How come when it's me it's a temper and when it's you it's nerves?"

## Life and Work Lesson

## Resisting False Teachings

By Tommy Tutor, Pastor

First, Holly Springs

I John 4:1-3; 1:6-9; 3:4-6; 4:20-21  
John wrote this letter with a two-fold objective: first, that believers' joy might be full, and, second, that believers might not sin. That is, that they might learn how effectively and victoriously to deal with sin. False teachers were causing some to go astray. John noted these as having withdrawn from the church. "They went out from us because they were not of us" (I John 2:19). Again, "Many false teachers are gone out into the world" (I John 4:1). Scripture is the Christian's authority. Real wisdom is shown by those who seek a firm biblical foundation for what they believe.

I. Christ As Presented In Scripture Denied (I John 4:1-3).

John called these teachers "pseudo-prophets." They were pretending to have the Spirit of God, to be moved and led by him, to bring God's Word to men. Yet at the same time they denied Christ as presented in God's Word. John's command suggests that careful examination should be given to all who apply for a place in Christianity. And especially this should be so for those who would teach others.

The false teachers were suggesting that Christ only appeared to have a human nature, similar to the angels who visited with Lot and Manoah. Those false teachers (Gnostics) believed that the spirit was good and that matter was evil. Thus it was impossible for God to have a body of matter. One group said that Jesus only seemed to have a human body. Another group suggested that Jesus was an ordinary man, that at his baptism God sent his spirit upon Jesus and that God's Spirit withdrew from Jesus before his passion.

These teachers being astray on the incarnation of Christ, they were also astray on his priestly role and saving power. It was basically a denial of salvation in Christ as presented by the Apostles. Therefore, John says that a test should be applied to try or test the spirits. This is the test to apply: examine the man's confession. God never encourages us to look at a man's heart. But Jesus noted, "By their fruits ye shall know them." The test is to be applied both to what one says and what one does. Everyone who confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the

flesh and has made him Lord by living in the light has his source in God. Those who do not confess this basic belief are against Christ (antichrist).

This should serve as a fearful warning to any today who might be tempted to go astray in biblical doctrine. The nature and work of Christ are the foundation stones of our salvation. Therefore, we must be right in our beliefs and teachings about Christ.

II. Sin As Presented In Scripture Denied (I John 1:6-9; 3:4-6).

There are two faults in John 1:6-9 with reference to sin. The first fault is stated as a believer walking in darkness and claiming to be in fellowship with God at the time (v. 6). One cannot have fellowship with God and walk in spiritual darkness.

Spiritual darkness can be defined in three ways: (1) It is the believer's walk outside the commands of God. "He that said, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him" (I John 2:4). (2) It is the believer's walk outside the way of God. "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father but by me" (John 14:6). (3) It is the believer's walk outside the will of God. "Be ye not unequally yoked with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness?" (II Cor. 6:14). The correction for this fault is found in v. 7. The correction is to walk in the light.

The second fault in I John 1:8-9 is self-deception in saying that we have no sin. This is willful ignorance. This is sinless perfection. The correction for this fault is found in v. 9. The correction is confession and final forgiveness and cleansing.

Another problem was how to view sin. Some taught asceticism, a subduing of the body by denial. Others taught that since the body was matter and the spirit was good, just feed the appetites. A person can do anything with his body. This resulted in antinomianism which posed a threat to the Christian life in the early church. The moral and spiritual life of the church declined.

All sin is law-breaking. John declares that the doer of any sin is a transgressor of the law, a criminal in the eyes of God. The believer, however, is under divine government by

virtue of his union with Christ, and purity is the law, the tendency, of this divine union. The Christian, then, is one who is reaching on to moral and spiritual purity. Complete perfection can only be realized when we have experienced the full inheritance of salvation.

"Sineth not" in verse 6 is linear present and means "does not keep on sinning." The habit of sin is proof that one has not entered into union with Christ. The very purpose of Christ is to take away a lifestyle of sin. The true believer keeps his eyes on Christ. John says that the one going on in sin "has not seen Christ." One who walks in darkness is not in fellowship with God. May we never forget sin still separates from God.

III. Love As Taught In Scripture Denied (I John 4:20-21).

This false teaching was very disruptive to the fellowship. The Gnostics taught their special knowledge had achieved salvation for them. They were the elite. They looked down on the poor believers. John says that the proof of love of God is love of one's Christian brother.

The absence of brotherly love would indicate an absence of God's love in one's life. It is God's love in us which makes it possible for us to love both him and our brother. This commandment in verse 21 shows that one who hates his brother cannot love God. For love to God would most certainly lead one to keep God's commandment to love his brother also.

How many false teachers do we have? How much false doctrine is there in our churches? Maybe we need to re-evaluate some of our traditional beliefs and practices. Surely today there are forces which would lead us astray. Both our confession and life style need deep and sound roots in our only authority — God's revelation to us in His Word.

Philadelphia (EP) — The American Friends Service Committee has told President Carter and Congress that it will oppose military registration and will work to stop it. The Quaker organization's national Board of Directors also said that if registration is revived, the AFSC will support those who, on grounds of conscience, refuse to register or to be inducted.